

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

TITLE: MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS
CATEGORY: HEALTH AND SAFETY
NUMBER: 3300

I. Rationale:

“Every student in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students’ school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.”

- Ministry of Education, Provision of Menstrual Products, April 2019

The Board of Education will ensure that menstrual products are available, free of cost, to all students who may require them, in a manner that is convenient, without stigma and barrier free.

II. Process:

- A. Coin-free menstrual product dispensers will be installed in all student female and gender-neutral washrooms at all sites.
- B. Menstrual product dispensers will be replenished daily by school custodians.
- C. Menstrual product information will be available to all staff, students and parents.
- D. The district shall assume the cost of purchasing, installing and stocking the dispensers.
- E. Student feedback will be sought to ensure that the manner in which menstrual products are made available addresses the needs of all students.
- F. Principals will provide a mechanism to receive student feedback, while maintaining student privacy.

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References: Ministry of Education, *Provision of Menstrual Products*, April 2019