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NEW JERSEY BILL A1349 FACT SHEET

FREE MENSTRUAL HEALTH PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In September 2024, New Jersey public schools will begin providing free menstrual health products to students in grades six through 12 as a result of Bill A1349.

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed the legislation to help combat period poverty - a lack of access to menstrual health products - from increasing in local communities. Period poverty impacts women, girls, and the menstruating community by impacting their ability to contribute at school, work, community, and society at large.

Bill A1349 will ensure public school students have direct access to free menstrual products in at least 50 percent of female and gender-neutral school bathrooms, if applicable. Additionally, the costs incurred by a district in providing an adequate supply of menstrual health products to ensure the needs of students are met will be fulfilled by the state.

If you would like to learn more about free menstrual products in New Jersey public schools, you can take the following steps:

ENGAGE



Take action and contact the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) at staid@doe.nj.gov for additional information about Bill A1349's implementation in the 2024-2025 school year.

EMPOWER



Contact your district to confirm they are aware of Bill A1349 and its mandate to provide free menstrual health products to public schools. Continuous outreach will help empower your district to work with the NJDOE to support students in your community.

EDUCATE



Continue educating your students on menstrual health and period poverty to help build awareness in public schools. Partner with The Flow Initiative to host a menstrual health workshop in the 2024-2025 school year.

The Flow Initiative is a national organization committed to eradicating period poverty and achieving menstrual equity for all. Contact Eiko La Boria at eiko@theflowinitiativefoundation.org to learn more.