

Shapiro Administration Delivers Funding for Free Period Products to all Pennsylvania School Districts

All school districts, intermediate units, career and technical centers, and brick-and-mortar charter schools will receive funding to provide free period products to students.

Governor Josh Shapiro's **2024-25 budget** includes \$3 million to provide period products in schools to help close a gap in women's health care.

The funding enables schools to provide access to period products at no cost to students and complements the efforts undertaken by the Shapiro Administration to improve health equity.

Applications and reimbursement requests will not be required. All school districts, intermediate units, career and technical centers, and brick-and-mortar charter schools will receive funding. Funding is proportional to the total number of students enrolled in a school and based on a rate of \$1.75 per student. Schools may use the funding for period product purchases made between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

Funding allocations for the 2024-25 Feminine Hygiene Product Grant Program's non-competitive, non-solicitation grants can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website. Schools have the option to opt out of receiving grant funding. Any remaining funds following the first round of grant funding will be dispersed in a second round.

Schools should consider privacy, responsiveness, access, and education when developing and implementing strategies to make period products available to their students. Additional guidance and suggestions are available in the Menstrual Equity for Pennsylvania Students – Guidance for School Entities.



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