
AP 345 – Provision of Menstrual Products

Background:

School districts provide menstrual products to all students who may require them. School districts must have procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products in their schools.

Rationale:

Every student in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The West Vancouver School District 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.

Procedures:

1. Menstrual products are available in school washrooms to students of all gender identities and expressions using delivery methods that:
 - 1.1 Are free of charge
 - 1.2 Protect privacy
 - 1.3 Are barrier free and easily accessible
 - 1.4 Are consistent in delivery and availability
 - 1.5 Are non-stigmatizing
2. Relevant product information is made available to all students
3. Schools incorporate student feedback on a regular basis (annually) to ensure student needs are being met with respect to the provision of menstrual products.