

Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program

School Health Services Office



General Information

The Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program was created by Colorado Senate Bill 21-255, “Free Menstrual Hygiene Products to Students,” that was signed into law on July 6, 2021. The program aims to provide free menstrual hygiene products and product disposal to all students regardless of their gender identity.

Education providers may use program funding to purchase menstrual hygiene products, including sanitary napkins, tampons, and pantliners, and to purchase and install menstrual hygiene product dispensers, disposal receptacles, and disposal receptacle liners. In the 2021–22 academic year, approximately \$100,000 in funding was awarded to 40 districts and schools, and in the 2022-23 academic year, \$100,00 will be awarded to 32 districts and schools. The program is expected to continue each academic year.

Program Objectives

- Increase the number of gender-neutral spaces where students can access free menstrual hygiene products.
- Increase the number of gender-neutral spaces where students can dispose of menstrual hygiene products.
- Reduce the amount of missed class time due to lack of access to menstrual hygiene products.
- Improve academic performance through the reduction of missed class time due to lack of access to menstrual hygiene products.

Program Eligibility and Guidelines

The Request for Applications will be available on the CDE program website each fall. School districts, charter schools and BOCES that enroll at least 50% of students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch are eligible to apply. The Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind and facility schools are also eligible.

Grants are awarded for a one-year term. Approximately \$100,000 will be available each fiscal year. Awards will likely range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, based on the amount of funding requested and the number of applications received. If funding requests exceed the amount of funding available, first-time program participants may be prioritized.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

For more information, scan the QR code and visit the [program website](#) or contact Jacklyn Thompson at Thompson_J@CDE.state.co.us.

