

POLICY 210: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) believes that students 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. The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), in keeping with Ministry of Education Policy, will ensure that schools provide menstrual products to students of all gender identities and expressions using delivery methods that:

- Are free of charge;
- Protect privacy;
- Are barrier free, consistent in delivery, and easily accessible;
- Are non-stigmatizing;
- And that take into account the developmental levels of the student population.