

Southwestern Ohio EPC Feminine Hygiene Products – New Ohio Law and How the EPC Can Help!

Effective Oct. 3, 2023, Ohio law requires each traditional public school district, community school, STEM school, chartered nonpublic school and other public school with school buildings that enroll girls in grades six through twelve to provide free menstrual products. Schools may choose to provide free products to a broader range of grade levels. By providing access to free menstrual products, schools eliminate a barrier to regular attendance and promote healthy habits.

The recently enacted state operating budget includes \$5 million to support schools in providing free menstrual products for students. This consists of \$2 million for installing dispensers and \$3 million for product reimbursement.

Schools that enroll girls in grades 6 through 12 can request funding for dispensers **by Sept. 15** using the <u>Dispenser Funding Request form</u> also found on the Ohio Department of Education's <u>Menstrual Products in Schools</u> webpage.

The following pricing information and links are from EPC Approved Vendors:

- You can view all EPC/Cintas Pricing by <u>clicking here</u>
- You can view all EPC Medical/Clinic Pricing with Henry Schein, Medco Supply Co, School Health and School Nurse Supply here in Excel or here in PDF Format
- <u>Click here</u> to view a flyer from Cintas on their Feminine Hygiene Dispensers and Products
- Click here to view a listing of all EPC Approved Vendors for Feminine Hygiene Products

Again, the deadline is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH for the Feminine Hygiene Dispenser Funding Request: Click here to complete their online form.