

# Period Products in Colorado Schools: HB24-1164



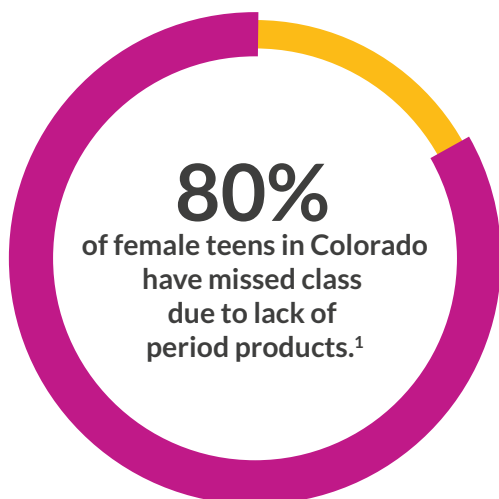
## The Issue:

Lack of access to period products in schools leads to absenteeism, health issues, and emotional distress among teens, who often lack the financial means or transportation to obtain these essentials independently.

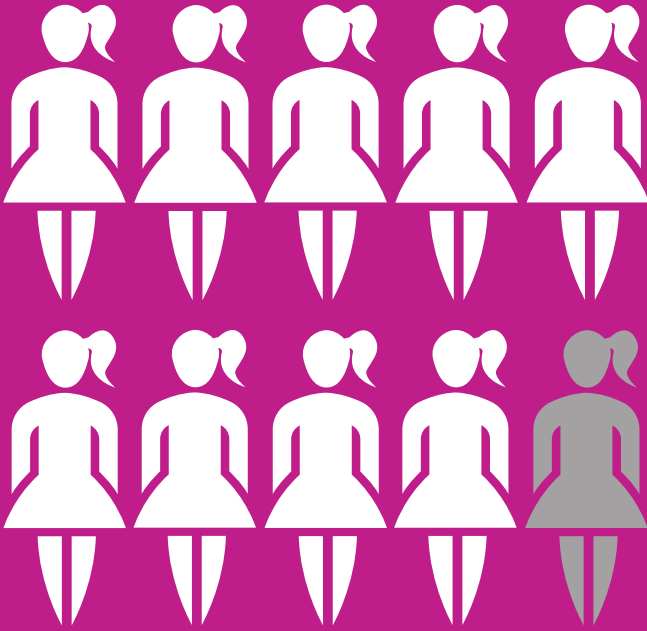
## Legislation Would:

- 1** Ensure Colorado middle and high school students have access to free period products in the restroom.
- 2** Build on the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program to support more Colorado school districts in providing period products.

## Just the Facts:



61% of teens, particularly Hispanic and lower-income, believe too many people miss valuable school time due to inadequate access to period products (2023).<sup>3</sup>



90% of female teens in Colorado have started their period unexpectedly in public without the necessary supplies.<sup>4</sup>

80% of teens say the lack of access to period products is a critical issue, up from 77% in 2021.<sup>5</sup>



## Join the Movement

19 states have already enacted legislation mandating free menstrual products in school restrooms and 6 others offer grants for schools to access these essentials.

**To Get Involved Visit:**  
[JusticeNecessary.org/Legislation](https://JusticeNecessary.org/Legislation)

<sup>1</sup> "Colorado Teen Period Poverty Study 2024." Commissioned by Justice Necessary in January 2024.

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<sup>3</sup> "State of the Period 2023." <https://period.org/uploads/2023-State-of-the-Period-Study.pdf>

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