

## AP 351 School Uniforms

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## **Background**

At CGCS, uniforms help reduce the social differences that can arise from different socioeconomic backgrounds or fashion trends, allowing students to focus on learning and forming meaningful connections. Students wear uniforms as a visible reflection of the commitment to creating a sense of community, in alignment with Board Policy 2. Uniforms represent pride in identifying with the school and are designed to be inclusive of the diverse body types, religions, and cultural backgrounds in our community. Uniforms are designed to be modest in expression rather than a symbol of fashion and/or socioeconomic status.

## **Procedures**

- 1. The Superintendent, in consultation with Calgary Girls Charter School Administration will retain a supplier of the school uniform who will provide:
  - a. a uniform which meets the needs of the school community;
  - b. a range of socioeconomically responsive uniform pieces, and inclusive sizing;
  - c. efficient service to our community;
  - d. regular opportunities for fittings and purchasing of uniforms
- 2. Only approved uniform pieces can be worn during the school day and at school events. Information about approved uniform pieces can be found on the school website.
- 3. Students are required to be in uniform during school and at all school events. During the day, students may temporarily remove their outer layer (ex. blazers, cardigans or crewnecks).
- 4. Families are expected to support their child in the respectful wearing of the uniform by ensuring cleanliness, appropriate sizing and condition, and with the current logo.
- 5. Formal uniforms will be worn for the first day of school, school photos, specified school events, for guest visitors and when students are representing the school on field trips, unless otherwise specified by the teacher.
- 6. Head coverings and accessories should complement the uniform.

- 7. Students are to wear black modesty shorts with skirted uniform pieces and, where required, neutral garments under blouses or shirts.
- 8. Students are required to wear uniform shoes that are plain solid black leather or leather-like with, non-marking sole and heel size less than 5 cm.
- 9. Students are expected to be in the required physical education uniform and athletic shoes for physical education classes and specified school events.
- 10. The superintendent, in consultation with Administration, may approve additional uniform pieces.

Reference: Education Act, s. 11, 27, 28, 31, 36, 197, 222