



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RE: UNIFORMS

### **Who should wear a uniform?**

All CJA students (Nursery – Grade 9) are required to wear school uniforms during school hours and at all school related activities, unless otherwise advised.

### **Who is the supplier of uniforms?**

We have chosen InSchoolWear as the CJA supplier. InSchoolWear is a highly reputable Canadian manufacturer and distributor of school uniforms in Canada and Calgary. There is a Calgary store location at:

<p><b>InSchoolwear (ISW)</b>  Philips Park, Building A, Unit A9E  6120 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE  Calgary, Alberta T2H 2L8  Phone: (403) 640-1032  <a href="http://www.inschoolwear.com">www.inschoolwear.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hours of Operation:</b></p> <p>Monday          Closed  Tuesday         1:00 – 5:30 pm  Wednesday      1:00 – 5:30 pm  Thursday        1:00 – 5:30 pm  Friday            1:00 – 5:30 pm  Saturday        10:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>
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### **Are all pieces of the uniform exclusive to InSchoolwear?**

Only the tops of uniforms purchased through InSchoolwear have logos. No bottom pieces (skirts, pants, etc.) have logos; therefore parents are able to purchase navy and other bottoms from other sources (e.g., Wal-Mart, etc.)

### **What will happen if my child is NOT wearing a uniform?**

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children are appropriately dressed before arriving at school. Students arriving at school not in uniform will have their parents contacted to bring the uniform to school.

### **Will there be casual (non-uniform) days?**

Yes, there will be non-uniform days, as specified by the school, where the students will be able to wear non-uniform clothes. Appropriate attire is still required and must conform to the Student Non-Uniform Dress Policy #5.50. The school calendar will mark casual and formal days. We have non-uniform days each month in addition to various theme days throughout the school year.

### **When are the formal uniform days?**

Every Friday (Shabbat) and specific days as outlined in the school calendar. On formal uniform days students are required to wear their “formal” uniforms.

**What items should I purchase?**

The following is a list of the commonly purchased uniform pieces (and quantities). These are only **guidelines** based on information provided by our supplier and other schools.

Girls	Boys
<b>Nursery - Grade 4</b>	<b>Nursery - Grade 4</b>
-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -one pair of pants -one kilt, skirt or tunic	-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -two pairs of pants -one pair of walking shorts
<b>Grades 5 – 6</b>	<b>Grades 5 – 6</b>
-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -one pair of pants -one kilt, skirt or tunic -one pair of dazzle shorts -one gym t-shirt	-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -two pairs of pants -one pair of walking shorts -one pair of dazzle shorts -one gym t-shirt
<b>Grades 7 – 9</b>	<b>Grades 7 – 9</b>
-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -one pair of pants -one tartan kilt -one tie -one pair of dazzle shorts -one gym t-shirt	-one short sleeve white oxford shirt -one short sleeve polo shirt -one long sleeve polo shirt -two pairs of pants -one tie -one pair of walking shorts -one pair of dazzle shorts -one gym t-shirt

**Will students be required to wear their uniforms on field trips?**

This will be at the discretion of school administration and will be dependant on the venue. Parents will be informed of the clothing requirements on field trip permission forms.

**Should the clothes be labeled?**

Yes, all clothing **must** be clearly labeled to avoid any confusion.

**How should shirts be worn?**

Shirts may be worn tucked in or out. A plain white t-shirt is permitted as an undershirt. Boys are encouraged to tuck their shirts in on formal days.

**What if students have payot or want to wear kippot or tzitit on a daily basis?**

Students are allowed payot and are welcome to wear kippot and tzitit.

**What is the proper length for kilts?**

The minimum lengths must not be more than 2" above the knee.

**Do I need to purchase all clothing pieces at the same time?**

No. The minimum purchase required, would be those pieces your child requires for formal days (as these pieces can be worn daily also). All other pieces can be purchased throughout the year at the discretion of the parent. On-line orders take an average of 3-4 working days to be delivered directly to your home via Canada Post.

**What kind of shoes must students wear?**

Shoes must be black, navy or grey with heels two inches or lower. Shoes must cover the foot completely; dress shoes or runners with coordinating laces or Velcro, penny loafer or ballet style slip-ons or strapped Mary Janes are acceptable. Clogs, sling backs, sandals, crocs, flip-flops and boots are not approved footwear during school hours. For students in Nursery to Grade 3, all reasonable effort must be made to purchase shoes that are predominately black, navy or grey. Runners for gym may be any color as long as they are non-marking.

**Do the clothes need to be dry-cleaned or hand washed?**

No, the clothes are not required to be dry-cleaned or hand washed. All clothing is machine washable and can go in the dryer.

**Are the white shirts bleachable? And if I do use bleach, what will happen to the navy logo?**

The polo shirts are 100% cotton and can be bleached. The oxford shirt is a cotton poly blend (60/40) and would follow the same general rule that any poly cotton blend should not be bleached.

**I'm worried that my child's clothing is going to become stained during arts and craft activities, what do you recommend?**

It is recommended that students bring an "Art smock" for arts and crafts, especially in the younger grades. We suggest using one of Dad's button-up dress shirts he no longer wears. This way it can be taken on and off without going over the head, it will be long enough to offer protection and the sleeves can be rolled up, or the button adjusted to fit the child's wrist.

**What is the gym strip?**

Mandatory gym strip for Grades 5 -9 is navy dazzle shorts and a grey wicking t-shirt. There is no mandatory gym strip for Nursery to Grade 4. Runners may be any colour as long as they have non-marking soles. Socks are to be white, navy or grey.

### **Can students wear footless or cropped tights under their kilts, skorts or tunics?**

Only navy knee-highs or footed tights may be worn with kilts, skorts or tunics. When knee-highs are worn, black modesty shorts are required for girls in grades 7 to 9, and are encouraged from grades 1 to 6.

### **What about socks?**

With pants, socks may be navy or grey. On formal days, socks should match the pants. With kilts, skorts and tunics socks must be navy knee-highs. With shorts, socks can be navy, or white (girls are encouraged to wear their navy knee highs). During gym, socks may be white, navy, or grey.

### **What about scarves, hair accessories and jewelry?**

Scarves of any kind are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn during school hours. Hair accessories such as hair bands must be plain and one color. Jewelry is acceptable as long as it's conservative in nature, does not attract undue attention and does not distract others from their schoolwork.

### **What color should gym runners be?**

Gym runners may be any color as long as they have non-marking soles.

### **Are belts required?**

Belts are not required, but may be worn with pants that have belt loops and where the belt provides a function other than being an accessory. Belts must be black with a modest buckle.

### **My child is in pre-school, and is required to have an “emergency” change of clothes in their back pack, does this have to be approved uniform items too?**

An “emergency” change of clothes does not have to consist of approved uniform items. We do however ask that the clothing pieces consist of uniform colors (white, light blue or navy tops, and navy bottoms). This will ensure that a student who has had an accident will not stand out.

### **We are a Jewish school, so why are kippot not mandatory?**

The Calgary Jewish Academy is an inclusive community school where students are welcomed from all Jewish backgrounds. The CJA teaches students to respect a wide range of personal beliefs and practices; wearing kippot is one of them. Male students are required to wear kippot during bible classes, all prayers and any religious ritual ceremonies. Wearing kippot beyond such times is a matter of personal preference and should be decided within each family. Kippot are available from several companies in a variety of styles, colours and sizes. Students are encouraged to wear a kippah they like.



**Do other Jewish Day Schools have uniforms?**

Yes, we have completed a thorough review of various Jewish day schools across the country and most schools have implemented a uniform policy. Such schools include Gray Academy (Winnipeg), Richmond Jewish Day School (Vancouver), Vancouver Talmud Torah and Hillel Academy (Ottawa).

**How do we get started?**

We invite all parents to visit the InSchoolwear web site ([www.inschoolwear.com](http://www.inschoolwear.com)) and select our school “The Calgary Jewish Academy”.

**Who should I contact with questions/feedback about uniforms?**

Questions about laundering, care, sizing, ordering or exchanging uniforms should be directed to InSchoolWear at (403) 640-1032 (or [www.inschoolwear.com](http://www.inschoolwear.com)).

### CJA CLOTHING OPTIONS - BOYS

Clothing Item		Formal Wear	Daily Wear (Non-Formal) <i>(Any formal wear piece may also be worn as daily wear)</i>
<b>Tops:</b> <i>(Note: only tops have logos, not bottoms)</i>		Cardigan sweater or sleeveless sweater vest	Fleece full zip jacket or ¼ zip sweatshirt
		White oxford shirt (long or short sleeve)	Long or short sleeve polo shirt (white or pale blue) or white turtleneck
<b>Bottoms:</b>	<b>Nursery to Kindergarten:</b>	Navy flat front twill pant or navy pant	
	<b>Grade 1 – 6:</b>	<b>Pants:</b> Navy flat front twill pant <b>Shorts:</b> Navy, flat front walking short or navy cargo short <i>(immediately following the later of spring or Passover break through to the Friday preceding the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend).</i>	<b>Grades 1-9:</b> Navy pant
	<b>Junior High:</b>	<b>Pants:</b> Grey flat front dress pant <b>Shorts:</b> Navy, flat front walking short or navy cargo short <i>(immediately following the later of spring or Passover break through to the Friday preceding the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend).</i>	
<b>Junior High Navy Tie:</b>		Mandatory	Optional
<b>Belts:</b>		Optional but may only be worn with pants that have belt loops and where the belt provides a function other than being an accessory. Belts must be black, and have a modest buckle.	
<b>Socks:</b>	<b>N – Grade 6:</b>	Solid white or navy	
	<b>Junior High:</b>	Solid white, navy or grey	
<b>Shoes:</b>		Dark (black, navy or grey) shoes or runners	
<b>Gym Strip</b> <i>(Used only for gym, unless otherwise specified by administration)</i>			
<b>Nursery to Grade 4:</b>		Gym strip is not required, however runners with non-marking soles are needed for gym	
<b>Grades 5 – 9</b>	<b>Gym Shirts:</b>	Grey gym “wicking fabric” t-shirt required	
	<b>Gym Short:</b>	Navy dazzle short required	
<b>Runners:</b>		Runners are required for gym and may be any color as long as they have non-marking soles. Indoor daily wear shoes which are runners with non-marking soles may also be used during gym.	
<b>Socks:</b>		Gym socks may be white, navy or grey	

**CJA CLOTHING OPTIONS - GIRLS**

Clothing Item		Formal Wear	Daily Wear (Non-Formal) <i>(Any formal wear piece may also be worn as daily wear)</i>
<b>Tops:</b> <i>(Note: only tops have logos, not bottoms)</i>		Cardigan sweater or sleeveless sweater vest	Fleece full zip jacket or ¼ zip sweatshirt
		White oxford shirt or white fitted oxford blouse (long or short sleeve)	Long or short sleeve polo shirt (white or pale blue) or white turtleneck
<b>Bottoms:</b>	<b>Nursery to Kindergarten:</b>	Navy box pleat tunic, navy kilt*, navy skort, navy flat front twill pant or navy pant	
*All kilts must be <u>no shorter</u> than 2 inches above the knee	<b>Grade 1 – 6:</b>	Navy box pleat tunic, navy kilt*, navy skort, or navy flat front twill pant <b>Modesty shorts</b> are black “bike style” shorts and are <u>encouraged</u> under kilts and/or tunics when knee socks are worn <b>Shorts:</b> Navy, flat front walking short or navy cargo short ( <i>immediately following the later of spring or Passover break through to the Friday preceding the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend</i> ).	<b>Grades 1-9:</b> Navy pant
	<b>Junior High:</b>	Tartan kilt* or grey dress pant <b>Modesty shorts</b> are black “bike style” shorts and <u>must</u> be worn under kilts and/or tunics when knee-high socks are worn <b>Shorts:</b> Navy, flat front walking short or navy cargo short ( <i>immediately following the later of spring or Passover break through to the Friday preceding the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend</i> ).	
<b>Junior High Tartan Tie:</b>		Mandatory	Optional
<b>Belts:</b>		Optional but may only be worn with pants that have belt loops and where the belt provides a function other than being an accessory. Belts must be black, and have a modest buckle.	
<b>Socks:</b>	<b>N – Grade 6:</b>	Solid white or navy socks with pants Plain navy knee-highs with skorts, shorts, kilts, and tunics	<b>All Grades:</b> Solid navy, grey or white socks with pants. Plain navy knee-highs or white socks with

	<b>Junior High:</b>	Solid white, navy or grey socks with pants Plain navy knee-highs with skorts, shorts, kilts, and tunics	shorts.
	<b>Tights:</b>	Plain navy, footed tights may be worn with skorts, kilts and tunics. Tights are not permitted to be worn with shorts.	
	<b>Shoes:</b>	Dark (black, navy or grey) shoes or runners	
<b>Gym Strip</b> <i>(Used only for gym, unless otherwise specified by administration)</i>			
	<b>Nursery to Grade 4:</b>	Gym strip is not required, however runners with non-marking soles are needed for gym.	
<b>Grades 5 – 9</b>	<b>Gym Shirts:</b>	Grey gym “wicking fabric” t-shirt required	
	<b>Gym Short:</b>	Navy dazzle short required	
	<b>Runners:</b>	Runners are required for gym and may be any color as long as they have non-marking soles. Indoor daily wear shoes which are runners with non-marking soles may also be used during gym.	
	<b>Socks:</b>	Gym socks may be white, navy or grey	