



Policy # 5.50

**THE CALGARY JEWISH ACADEMY
NON-UNIFORM STUDENT DRESS POLICY**

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In Judaism, there is a set of laws that are categorized under the heading of “tzniut”. The closest English definition for tzniut is “modesty”. Modest & dignified dress is expected of all students on non-uniform days and when attending school or school-sponsored activities.

Students who are deemed by staff to be improperly dressed may be required to change, or be sent home. Administration shall be the final arbiter of the school non-uniform dress policy.

Situations may arise in which health and/or safety concerns result in temporary modifications of the non-uniform dress policy. The appropriate staff and/or administrator will make these changes before the activity takes place (e.g. field trips, lab classes, physical education classes, art classes, options, special events, etc.).

1. The bottom of the shirt must reach the top of the pants at all times; the midriff must be covered. Undergarments must not be visible.
2. Shirts should have modest necklines. Sleeveless tops are acceptable as long as they are not ‘cutaway’, spaghetti straps, racer-back or strapless. Undergarments, including bra straps, must not be visible.
3. The length of skirts, dresses and shorts must be modest. Very short shorts are not acceptable. Modesty shorts are encouraged under skirts.
4. Toques and hats must not be worn inside the building, with the exception of *kipot*.
5. Clothing and accessories may not have references to tobacco, alcohol, profanity, violence, and anything illegal as well as sexually suggestive slogans or pictures.
6. Gym strip is required on non-uniform days unless outlined by the Physical Education staff.
7. It is recommended that students bring suitable footwear to be worn on the playground and not wear the same footwear outside as they are wearing inside.

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