



Background

The school uniform represents pride in identifying with the school and fosters a respectful, caring community. Clothing is designed to be utilitarian and modest rather than a fashion statement. Girls are required to be in full uniform during school and at all school events. During the day, girls may temporarily remove their blazers or cardigans but the expectation remains that girls will be in full uniform. All uniforms should be clean and well maintained.

Procedures

1. Purchasing

- 1.1 The Calgary Girls Charter School in consultation with School Council will retain a supplier of the school uniform who will:
 - 1.1.1 Provide a uniform which meets the needs of the school community;
 - 1.1.2 Provide efficient service to our community;
 - 1.1.3 Provide regular opportunities for fittings and purchasing of uniforms on campus;
 - 1.1.4 Provide extensive fittings for new families in the late spring; and
 - 1.1.5 The school may also recommend a supplier of shoes.

2. Parents support their daughters in appropriate and respectful wearing of the uniform by helping with cleanliness, repair, and appropriate sizing and kilt length.

3. Formal Uniform will be worn for the first day of school, school photos, special occasions, for guest visitors and when the girls are representing the school on field trips unless otherwise specified by the teacher. The formal uniform consists of blazer, kilt or black uniform pants, white oxford shirt tucked in, tie, black knee socks or black tights. **The vest or sweater is not worn with the formal uniform.**

4. Winter uniform is combinations of blazer, cardigan, vest, oxford shirt tucked in, kilt, black wool skort, black uniform pants, tie, black tights or knee socks.

5. Summer uniform consists of summer dress with white knee socks, blazer, cardigan, vest, oxford shirt tucked in and with tie, kilt, black skort with polo shirt or poplin

blouse, black uniform pants, black tights or knee socks. Summer uniform is acceptable in the fall until Thanksgiving weekend and after spring break.

6. Hair is to be neat at all times. Hair attire should be conservative and coordinate with the uniform. Jewellery and body piercing should be neat and respectful of the uniform. Hijabs must complement the uniform. Girls are to wear modesty shorts with their kilts and garments worn under the blouses or shirts are to be white or off white.
7. Dress Shoes are black and able to be polished or patent, with a low heel appropriate and suitable for the school uniform.
8. The athletic uniform consists of gym shirt, dazzle shorts, zip-up hoodie and jogging pants, white socks and appropriate athletic shoes. Girls are expected to be in the appropriate uniform for every gym class.
9. The girls may also wear the full zip jersey knit sweater and the polar fleece jacket as outerwear to and from school. These are not worn in school as part of the uniform.
10. From time to time an additional uniform piece may be added to supplement the uniform or to support the building of school spirit and community. The retained company will always be given an opportunity to bid on additional uniform pieces.
11. In striving for and expecting excellence, staff members are responsible to uphold the uniform policy and ensure that students present themselves appropriately in their school uniform. Staff members are to pay attention to uniforms and express their concern when a uniform appears to need cleaning or mending. Socks, tights and shoes are to be in good repair.
12. Students who require a piece of uniform attire may borrow from the office. Each teacher is provided with and maintains one extra tie that may be borrowed by a student. For sanitary reasons, socks may not be loaned but may be purchased at the office.
13. New students to CGCS who have not yet received their uniform will wear white top and black skirt or pants until their uniform pieces arrive.

Reference:

Education Act, s. 8, 11, 27, 31, 36, 37, 52, 53, 54, 197, 222, 257