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Dress code

Dear Future Ace,

As the application process begins for your future high school career, you are starting to make decisions about which school you would like to attend. A big perk of enrolling as a student in Ida Crown Jewish Academy is the uniform, or as Rabbi Matanky likes to say, the “polyform.” The dress code consists of a couple simple rules.

For the girls, a student must own a few uniform shirts bought from Lands End. Additionally, we are allowed to wear any long sleeve plain sweater or shirt in any color we desire that does not have any writing on it. Officially, a uniform shirt must be worn under these shirts. We are also allowed to wear any shirt that has a Jewish organization written on it. You do not need to wear a uniform shirt under these tops. For the skirts, we must either choose to wear a uniform skirt from Lands End that covers the knee, or a Mimu maxi (a long pencil skirt) that covers the knee as well.

For the boys, they must wear a collared shirt which can be worn under any sweatshirt or sweater. They may not wear jeans or sweatpants to school. They also must wear tzitzit under their shirts and a kippah on their head. Both genders cannot wear shoes that are open in the back, like flip flops; although, we are allowed to wear shoes like Birkenstocks or any other types of sandals.

Coming from Arie Crown Hebrew Day School where the uniform was strict, Ida Crown's dress code rules give me the ability to express my style by giving me an abundance of options in an unrestrained way; however, the school will let you know when you have overstepped the boundaries of the dress code by sending an email home. After three strikes, there is a punishment of an out of school suspension, but this rarely happens.

Because of the uniform, I find it much easier to get dressed in the morning. There's no pressure of spicing up my whole outfit everyday because we are all under the same rules and are given the same skirts to wear. This takes off unwanted stress from the beginning of my day and helps me start off the morning feeling put together.