



CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Regulation 3026 - Physical Education (Dance and Dress)

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Preamble Rhythmics, folk dancing, tap dancing, social dancing, and other forms of dance, although minor sections of our physical education courses, serve a desirable and useful purpose for the majority of Alberta students.

Certain religious groups strongly condemn dancing in any of its forms. Children from homes where such beliefs are held should not be required to participate in such exercises.

Dancing

1(1) Where the principal has reason to believe that dancing would be objectionable to the majority of students or parents, the principal, in consultation with the curriculum leader and the physical education teacher, may exclude dancing from the physical education program.

(2) Principals may excuse students who object to dancing from the dancing activities of the physical education program. In such cases, students will not be deprived of standing and credits for physical education.

(3) An alternative activity or assignment may be required in lieu of the dance unit.

Dress and activities

2 Great care should be taken by teachers and principals to ensure that the private beliefs of individual pupils and their parents are respected. In some instances, parents may regard the wearing of shorts as immodest. In such cases, the issue should not be forced. There should be frequent discussions on the importance of respecting sincerely-held convictions. Every attempt should be made to ensure that no one is penalized or pressured in any way in these matters.

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References

- Legal References:**
- School Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.S-3, s. 20
- Administrative Regulation References:**
- 3027 - Off-Site Activities
 - 3079 - Aboriginal Education
 - 3067 - Religion In Education
 - 4027.2 - Personal and Sexual Harassment
 - 4027.3 - Anti-Racism and Equity
- Other references:**
- Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools, available on-line at <http://www.med.ualberta.ca/acicr>
- Contact Person:**
- Physical Education/Athletics Specialist
 - Physical Education Curriculum Specialist