

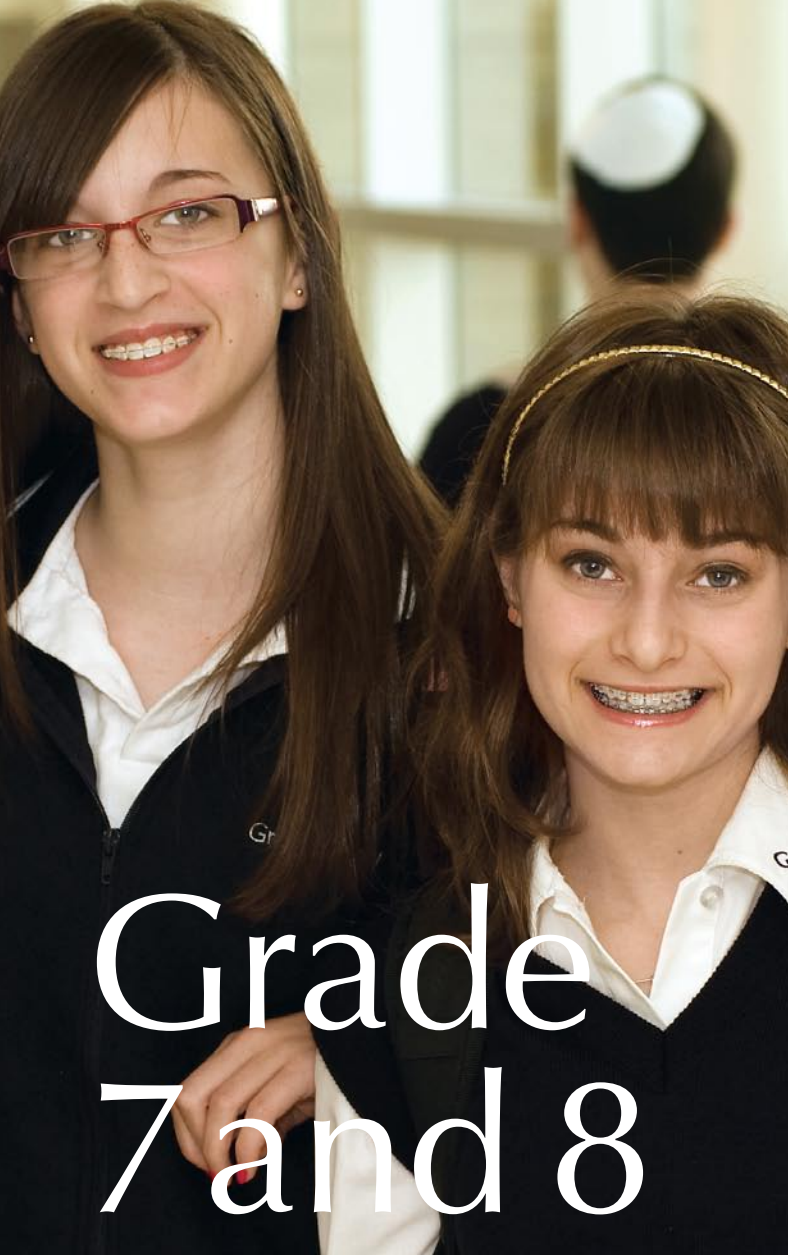
Gray Academy

OF JEWISH EDUCATION

קהילה. משפחה. דרך חיים. Our Community. Our Family. Our Way of Life.



Grades 7 to 12



Grade 7 and 8

Grade 7 and 8 Curriculum

Course Elements of the Grade Seven and Eight Curriculum:

- **English:** Exposure to a variety of literary writing.
- **Mathematics:** Development of logical thinking and problem solving skills.
- **Science:** Acquisition of scientific knowledge through the investigation of life systems.
- **Social Studies:** Focus on geography and the human impact on the world.
- **Debating:** Development of critical thinking, confidence and communication skills.
- **French:** Meaningful interactions through learning the French language.
- **Physical Education and Health:** Learning life-long recreational skills.
- **Electives:** Art, cooking, CO2 model car design, computer graphics, fitness and leisure, juggling, and theatre arts.
- **Hebrew Culture and Language:** A multi-layered approach to language acquisition.
- **Tanach:** A look at leadership in Biblical times.
- **Explorations in Judaism:** Exploration of a child's right of passage in Judaism. (Gr. 7)
- **Roots:** Learning about Jewish Life in Manitoba and each family's personal genealogy. (Gr. 7)
- **Current Events:** In Israel and the Jewish world. (Gr. 8)
- **Jewish History:** The people of Israel in Biblical times. (Gr. 8)
- **Kosher Law:** The study of dietary laws in Judaism. (Gr. 8)

Making the Transition

Gray Academy of Jewish Education recognizes the importance of the transition from elementary to high school and is ideally able to respond: preparing young students to make responsible decisions, develop independence and begin shaping their own lives. Both students and parents can expect:

- A caring staff
- A commitment to academic excellence
- Supportive environments
- Extraordinary resources
- Attention to the individual
- Connection to the family

In the Classroom

Students at Gray Academy receive enriched program opportunities and are introduced to a variety of teaching methodologies and learning environments. Unique to Gray Academy is the special training of teachers in Hebrew Culture and Language. As well, Gray Academy is able to provide additional support to students in General Studies, Judaic Studies, Hebrew, English as an Additional Language and Special Education. The Guidance Program focuses on study skills, relationships and healthy lifestyles.

Smaller class sizes for the compulsory courses in General Studies and Judaic Studies give students the attention they need from their teachers to achieve maximum results. The staff strives to help students who are entering high school reach their greatest potential as scholars and young leaders in the Jewish and global communities.

Student's Choice

Grade Seven offers students more specialized learning and the introduction of elective courses that balance their compulsory course schedule. Students entering Grade Seven actively participate in the decision-making regarding course selection.

During breaks and lunch period, students have access to school facilities such as a youth lounge, library, computer labs, gymnasium and restaurant.

Staying Active in the Halls

At Gray Academy we believe the lessons and experiences outside the classroom are just as important as the lessons learned inside. Students at Gray Academy will have the opportunity to participate in high school activities such as student council, dances, spirit days, holiday programs and gym riots. The Grade Seven year is capped off with a B.B. Camp outdoor experience.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities broaden and deepen a student's educational experiences and independence. Available options for students include:

- Intra and intermural sports
- Competitive debating program (local, national, international)
- Student Council leadership
- Reach For The Top
- Peer mentoring
- Band program
- Lunch and learn programs
- Programs in the arts and performing arts

Getting Ahead

When entering Grade Seven, students can choose one of two streams of accelerated programs at Gray Academy: the Regular Accelerated Program or the Advanced Placement Program. The accelerated programs at Gray Academy require students to handle a greater workload as they complete the Manitoba curriculum of General Studies as well as a diverse program of traditional and contemporary Judaic Studies.

Gray Academy respects and recognizes individual and group successes through Honour Roll, awards and scholarships for academic excellence in both Judaic and General Studies, achievement in sports (individual and team), school involvement, leadership, and citizenship.



Grade 9–12

The Senior High years are an opportunity for young adolescents to build upon the solid foundation they received in Grades 7 and 8. Curricular choices for Grades 9 to 12 students include the following:

Compulsory Courses General Studies Grades 9–12				
	9	10	11	12
Math	✓	✓	✓	✓
English Language Arts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓		
Social Studies	✓			
Geography		✓		
History			✓	
Physical Education/Health	✓	✓	✓	✓

Judaic Studies Compulsory Courses Grades 9–12				
	9	10	11	12
Hebrew Language & Culture	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jewish History	✓			
Gemilut Chasadim		✓		
Lifecycle Events			✓	
Shoa Studies				✓
Ethics				✓

General Studies Electives Grades 9–12				
	9	10	11	12
Art	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computer Multi Media	✓	✓		
Peer Tutoring	✓	✓	✓	✓
Theatre Arts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Debating	✓	✓	✓	✓
American History	✓	✓		
French	✓	✓	✓	✓
Psychology		✓	✓	✓
Biology		✓	✓	✓
Chemistry		✓	✓	✓
Physics		✓	✓	✓
World Issues			✓	✓
Yearbook	✓	✓	✓	✓
Film Study			✓	✓
Law			✓	✓
Calculus				✓

Judaic Studies Electives Grades 9–12				
	9	10	11	12
Yiddish Language and Culture	✓	✓	✓	✓
Modern Israel	✓	✓		
Monotheism		✓		
Sinai and the Ten Commandments	✓	✓		
Science & Religion	✓	✓		
Judaism through the Arts	✓	✓		
Arab-Israeli Conflict			✓	✓
Comparative Religion			✓	✓
Being Jewish in the Modern World			✓	✓
Jewish Film and Literature			✓	✓
Tanach: with Freud and Nietzsche	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jewish Leadership			✓	✓

AP Courses Grade 12				
	9	10	11	12
Biology				✓
Calculus				✓
Chemistry				✓
English				✓
European History				✓

Why Consider Gray Academy for Your Child's High School Education?

- The largest pluralistic community Jewish day school in Western Canada
- Advanced Placement program (AP) that allows students to take one or more courses (Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science)
- A family oriented school that places the emphasis on the needs of each individual student
- Smaller classrooms with individual attention
- A rich Judaic Studies curriculum
- Hebrew language learning through an international curriculum created for Diaspora youth
- Accredited by the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI)
- A school and curriculum committed to the State of Israel, the Winnipeg Jewish community and the global community
- A school dedicated to providing the community with the leaders of tomorrow
- Jewish Experiences for youth: Jewish Awareness Retreat, Model UN in New York, Partnership 2000 to Israel, Spirit Weekend, Grade 12 Trip to Israel, National and International Debating Tournaments, Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program to Washington, Bio Technology Fair, Encounters with Canada, Youth Leadership Convention, CHAT Basketball Tournament in Toronto, Raoul Wallenberg Human Rights Day, Southeast College Exchange Program (Giinawind Hineni) and more

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