

Summer 5783

Dear Parents עמור"ש,

We hope that this letter finds you refreshed and eagerly awaiting a smooth sailing school year *B'ezras Hashem*. Over the past years we have *B"H* seen great strides in regard to the yeshivas dress code and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation.

There are many benefits to a Yeshiva dress code. The ספר החינוך famously teaches that a person's outward appearance influences his state of mind.

1. Dress codes are a way to teach students the importance of a respectable appearance which is a lesson that positively impacts their self-respect and self-esteem.
2. A dress code promotes a more serious school atmosphere which emphasizes academics and promotes good behavior.
3. Dress codes have proven to increase student achievement by encouraging students to concentrate more on their studies and less on their wardrobe.
4. A de-emphasis on clothing also saves money, as there will be less pressure to keep up with expensive trends and fashions.

We understand that shopping for the upcoming school year is in full swing. Being that times and styles change we need to update the yeshiva dress code and bring different points to your attention.

We ask you to please read this through carefully as these guidelines will be strictly enforced by the Hanhalas Hayeshiva and we would not want to put your son into an uncomfortable position.

**Yeshiva Dress Code:**

- **Sports themes will not be allowed on any clothing or school supplies for grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in both *limudei kodesh* and general studies. This includes briefcases, sweatshirts, folders, loose leafs etc.**
- **Haircuts must be befitting for a yeshiva boy i.e. no mushroom style etc.**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

- Pants – No tight-fitting pants. No jeans.
- Yarmulkes – Dark blue, black or grey, solid, and velvet only.
- Shirts – All shirts must have a collar.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Yarmulkes – dark blue, black or grey, solid, and velvet only.
- Shirts – All shirts must have a collar.
- Sweatshirts – Solid blue, black or grey only. (No bright colors)
- Pants – No tight-fitting pants. No jeans.
- Socks – Dark colored only. No ankle socks.
- Shoes – Dark colored only.
- Sneakers – Must be dark colors, no bright stripes or bright laces.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Hats can only be black. No feathers or colored stripes
- White shirts (after their Bar Mitzvah)
- Sweatshirts – Solid blue, black or grey only. (No bright colors)
- Dark colored dress pants. (no cotton or tight-fitting pants.)
- Socks – Dark colored only. No ankle socks.
- **Solid black shoes or sneakers.** (This does not apply to sneakers worn for gym.)

We look forward to your utmost cooperation and looking forward to a year of *hatzlach*. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all the best,  
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