

Talmid Attire and Appearance

The manner in which a talmid dresses has a profound impact on his growth as a ben Torah and on the educational atmosphere of the school. Talmidim are expected to exhibit an overall appearance consistent with the Torah value of kavod haTorah- respect of Torah- and kovod haadam- self-respect. In addition, it is critical that all talmidim dress in a manner reflecting their own positive self-esteem.

It is the talmid's responsibility to ensure that he meets the expectations presented. Talmidim with repeated violations of the dress code (including wearing yarmulkes at all times) will be subject to disciplinary action.

The following constitutes the accountable parameters:

Shirts

- Full-length button dress shirt.
- Standard collars and sleeves -Short sleeves are acceptable.
- Conservative color such as white, blue, yellow, or gray that is solid, striped, or a white based plaid.

Shirts are to be tucked in at all times and worn in a respectable fashion.

Trousers:

- Dark dress slacks – color options are black, dark blue, or dark gray.
- Properly sized and worn appropriately at the waist.

No cargo pants, jeans or khakis.

Shoes and Socks:

- Black dress shoes with socks covering the ankles at all times.
- Low-cut, black sneakers that have the appearance of dress shoes are acceptable.

Crocs and similar footwear are not allowed.

Tzitzis:

- As mandated by Halacha, talmidim need to wear tzitzis every day.

Talmidim in school without tzitzis will be furnished a pair to keep at a fee of \$10.

Hair:

- Haircuts are to be traditional and conservative, kept to the top of the neck and above the collar, off the ears and from mid-forehead to above over the eyebrows.
- Clean, neatly trimmed, and combed.
- Natural color- tint or dye is not acceptable.

All talmidim are expected to be clean-shaven, except during Sefira.

Head Coverings:

- Yarmulkes should be of respectable size and without any emblems, insignias, slogans or names. They should be worn at all times, including while playing.
- If a student wishes to wear a hat, the appropriate style is a black felt full brimmed hat.

Miscellaneous:

- Proper personal hygiene should be followed at all times.
- Talmidim should arrive at school in clean clothes, fully and appropriately dressed and remain so throughout the school day. An additional clean shirt is recommended to be kept in the talmid's locker in case it is needed during the day.
- Students temporarily leaving campus during the school day should remain in dress code attire.
- Dark suit or sport coat jackets are required for davening. When in doubt please check with the administration. These should be cleaned periodically [once per month recommended].

Prohibited Items:

- Any clothing with loud colors or graphics, slogans, designs or logos on them. Small shirt logos over/on the front pocket may be worn.
- Hooded sweatshirts.
- All jewelry, including necklaces, bracelets, pocket chains, etc., are prohibited. Appropriate finger rings and watches are acceptable. With approval, Medical Alert necklaces and bracelets are acceptable.

When in doubt as to whether your attire is in compliance with the code, please do not wear it before asking the Menahel. As it is difficult to codify all aspects of dress and to anticipate talmidim's adherence, we reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of a talmid's appearance or to make changes to the policy during the school year.