

Dear Parent,

All schools struggle with the balance between students' rightful desires to express autonomy and demonstrate their own sense of style, and the need of the school, especially of a yeshiva high school, to maintain an appropriate environment in which dress code is an important component. As we begin a new school year, we wanted to remind you of the core elements of the Frisch dress code:

1. Girls' skirts/dresses must cover the knee while standing.
2. Girls may wear short sleeves, but not cap sleeves. Tops must be approaching the collarbone; low-cut shirts are not permitted. Tops which are too lightweight or can be seen through are not permitted.
3. Boys must wear shirts with collars. Hooded sweatshirts do not meet this requirement.
4. Boys may not wear jeans (of any color), track pants or sweatpants, or pants that are exceedingly tight.
5. Shoes and sneakers must be worn with socks or tights (girls); flip-flops are not permitted.
6. Please see handbook for further details.

In the interests of establishing a school environment of respect for the dress code and the values it embodies, we will be enforcing all elements of the dress code from the beginning of the school year, and we ask that students and parents bear this mind as they prepare their 2016-2017 school wardrobes. When students, boys or girls, are found to be in violation of dress code, they will be asked to change into clothing that complies with the dress code provided by the office. Parents will be notified by e-mail that their son or daughter has been asked to change. If a student needs to be asked to change twice in a semester, he/she will be required to sit for a lunchtime detention. If a student needs to be asked to change three times, an administrator will contact parents to discuss how we can work together to address the issue.

Please also be advised that these dress code rules apply during after-school activities as well.

We know that dress code is a complex topic for teenagers, educators, and parents. We hope that with consistent, light-handed enforcement, and alignment between home and school, we can achieve greater student compliance with the dress code, enabling us to redirect our attention towards our, and your, higher educational goals.

Best,

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