

Dear Student and 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 of 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. Hooded sweatshirts may not be worn without a collared shirt underneath.
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.

Please see the Parent-Student 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 in mind as they prepare their 2020-2021 school wardrobes. Students will be held to the spirit as well as to the letter of the dress code requirements. Please be advised that these dress code rules apply during after-school activities or whenever a student is representing Frisch outside of the school building. In addition, the dress code applies when students are ZOOMing into class from home.

When students are found to be in violation of the dress code at school, parents will be notified by e-mail. If a student needs to be asked to change twice in a semester, he/she will be required to sit for a Sunday detention. If a student needs to be asked to change three times, the student will not be allowed back to school until the parents meet with an administrator to discuss how we can work together to address the issue.

We know that dress code is a complex topic for teenagers. We hope that with 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.

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