

**PROVIDENCE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL**  
**Grades 1 - 8**

A student's dress and general appearance do much to influence a positive attitude towards school and to help condition respect for the learning environment. A Day School, in which prayer and the study of Torah take place, is an environment which should cause the student to be cognizant of the need to strive for the maintenance of Torah standards in the important area of "Tznius" – "modesty and dignity" in appearance. The concept of "Tznius" is not simply a question of the clothing we wear. It encompasses an overall attitude of sensitivity and respect for others and for oneself. This includes not only proper dress and good grooming but also the lessening of social competition and peer pressure based upon each individual being created in the image of Hashem.

The following dress code will be implemented at the elementary and junior high school level:

1. No T-shirts, ragged or cut-off sweatshirts, sweatpants, bleached or tattered jeans are allowed. All boys' *short sleeve* shirts must have a collar or at least three buttons at the neck.
2. No shirts which have mod cartoons, rock groups, or other inappropriate motifs or writing will be allowed.
3. Sweatshirts which are clean and neat and have appropriate motifs or designs will be allowed.
4. No mini-skirts. No shorts for boys or girls (above grade 3) are allowed. No stirrup or tight fitting pants or jeans are permitted.
5. All sneakers and shoes must be clean, neat, and tied.
6. No sleeveless or very short sleeve blouses or shirts (above grade 3) are to be worn. Shirts and blouses need to be tucked in if they are made to be worn in that fashion.
7. No tight-fitting clothing is allowed.
8. Girls in grades 6, 7, 8, are to wear appropriate knee-length dresses or skirt/blouse apparel, with appropriate neckline. Pants will not be permitted. Outfits are to also have appropriate length sleeve (see item 6 above).
  - a. Provisions will be made on gym days and other occasions for the opportunity to change outfits if necessary.
9. All boys are to wear their Kippas and Tzitzis. Baseball caps and other such head coverings are not appropriate for the classroom.
10. The administration and faculty will work with all families to help realize the implementation of the dress code.

Please help us implement these rules and regulations. No child will be allowed in class inappropriately dressed and parents will be notified. It is difficult within a letter to cover all areas of appearance and dress. We are hopeful that we will receive your utmost assistance in this very important part of the conduct of Day School students.