



NEW ENGLAND ACADEMY OF TORAH

Uniform Dress Code Policy/Contract

This form establishes the dress code and uniform requirements of New England Academy of Torah. Please read this together with your daughter, and then please make sure that you and your daughter sign it and return it to the NEAT office.

Please note that it is impossible to spell out all aspects of expected dress. Students and parents should use this document as a guide, and use their common sense about unstated or unclear issues. Judgement of such issues is ultimately at the discretion of the school administration.

Students must wear uniform at school, as well as at all school-organized functions, unless otherwise notified. Please make sure that your daughter has an adequate supply of appropriate uniforms. Uniforms should not be ripped or personalized.

- To order uniforms, please go to the Fraylich School Uniforms website:

<https://www.fraylichschooluniforms.com/collections/new-england-academy-of-torah-providence>

You can also contact them by calling 718-871-8253 or emailing fraylich4505@gmail.com.

- **Shirts:** Uniform shirts are clearly displayed on the Fraylich website (see link above). Anything else, however similar, is unacceptable. It is mandatory for every student to have at least one wine/black striped uniform shirt. If a shirt becomes see-through, too tight, or too short, it is no longer acceptable. Collarbone and elbows must be completely covered at all times.
- **Skirts:** Uniform skirts must reach two inches below the bottom of the knee. They must cover the *entire* knee (sitting, standing, and walking) in the front and the back. Please note that if a student buys a skirt that is exactly the right size and the student grows over the year, the skirt will be in violation of dress code and will need to be replaced.
- **Socks/Stockings** must always be worn. There should be no gap between socks/stockings and skirt, either while sitting or standing. Leggings may be worn only if there are no gaps with the following condition: ***PLEASE NOTE: Any student seen with a gap between her leggings and socks will be given a warning and their parents will be contacted. After a second time she will no longer be permitted to wear leggings for the rest of the trimester or longer, at the discretion of the administration.***
- **Shells:** Can be black or white only, and must cover the collarbone.
- **Sweaters/Sweatshirts:** Students may only wear sweaters/sweatshirts on top of a uniform shirt. ***The shirt collar must be visible.*** Only solid black loose-fitting sweatshirts are acceptable. No words, logos, or designs (every part of the sweatshirt must be black, including strings). A lightweight zip-up hooded sweatshirt may be available through Fraylich. A heavyweight NEAT sweatshirt may also be available through the school after school begins. Senior sweatshirts are permissible for seniors only.
- **Shoes:** Students must wear closed shoes. Crocs are unacceptable.
- **Jewelry, Hair, and Makeup:** No piercings are allowed, except for one earring in each earlobe. ***Multiple piercings will be confiscated and not returned, at the discretion of the administration.*** Only natural colored hair. No extreme makeup or nails.

Rosh Chodesh: Students are allowed to come to school on Rosh Chodesh dressed in a non-uniform shirt. Please note that this is not meant to be a “dress down” day. It is a privilege given to honor Rosh Chodesh. Girls should wear clothes befitting Rosh Chodesh. Shirts may not have words or logos. If students abuse this privilege, they may lose it.

Out of School: We hope and expect that, even out of school, all of our students will dress consistent with the Halacha and spirit of Tznius, with knees, elbows, and collarbones covered.

Although we work very hard at giving girls space to grow, absolute adherence to the uniform rules and the dress code is critical to forming the kind of atmosphere in which all our girls can be comfortable. We cannot compromise on that score.

Anybody wearing clothing that does not conform to uniform standard will be taken to the Gemach in the school to change into an appropriate replacement. The student will sign out the garment, and it must be returned in good condition in one week or parents will be charged for a new replacement. If girls prefer to wear gemach clothes that are bagged and marked “freshly laundered,” they may, if they pay \$1 per item, to cover re-laundering expense. NEAT has a supply of socks/stockings to provide if girls’ socks are too short, or if there are gaps. The student must pay \$2 per pair, and the socks need not be returned.

If a student refuses to wear gemach clothes, she will be sent to her home/boarding home, and may return to school only when compliant clothes are worn. Or, they may have to sit in an administrator’s office until parents can be reached. Students who miss classes due to this will receive a zero for that class and marked “unexcused.”

The clothing that does not conform will be confiscated and may be returned later, or may not be returned at all, at the administration’s discretion. If a student does not own a proper replacement, the school may order one from Fraylich and parents will be billed for full price plus shipping cost.

If a student repeatedly violates dress code, parents may be required to either provide a credit card number or a deposit of \$100 to cover costs of providing dress code compliant clothes. If there are further violations, consequences will be given at the discretion of the administration. Repeated violations may also require an administration meeting with the student and parents to discuss intervention strategies/measures.

We understand that this area is a difficult challenge in this day-and-age, especially in the current mass media world culture. Instead of only focusing on the negative, the administration has researched programs that aim to educate and inspire about this topic. We run a program that focuses on the rationale, beauty, and parameters of Tznius. The curriculum is designed specifically for 11/12 graders by Rebbetizin Faigy Zelcer of Montreal, Canada. We feel that it is important for our students to have the opportunity to explore the profound depths of this central aspect of the Avodah (Divine Service) of a Bas Yisroel. We hope and pray that our students will develop further in this area and carry with them, throughout their lives, the knowledge and inspiration that they gain.

Please work together with us to ensure a growth-oriented environment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please sign below to confirm that you have read, understand, and accept the NEAT dress code and uniform policy.

Student’s name (please print): _____

Student’s signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent’s signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____