



YOR Mesivta Dress Code¹

- Cleanliness, neatness, and good grooming contribute to a positive self-image and to an appropriate atmosphere for *tefillah* and *limud haTorah*, as well as any serious endeavor, especially that of a *ben-Torah*.
- All Talmidim must come to Yeshiva wearing an all-white button down dress shirt, and dark dress slacks. Cargo pants, tight fitting or narrow legged pants, pants with large zippers, buttons, snaps, studs or flaps over the pockets, five pocket pants, drawstrings or elastic ankles/ cuffs are not acceptable. *Talmidim* are to be fully dressed at all times with a *mentschlich* appearance.
- Hats and dark solid blue or black dress jackets are required for all *tefillas*.
- All black leather or leather-like shoes must be worn throughout the day. Boots of any type may not be worn to Yeshiva except when there is snow on the ground. All visible areas of the shoes should be black (not gray), including the sides of the soles and the laces. Clogs or other footwear without backs are not permitted. (No canvas shoes or the like will be allowed.) **The shoes should be of a simple, classy nature.**
- In cold weather, acceptable sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn over a regular white shirt. Garments with hoods, writing, pictures, logos, or bright, shocking colors, are not permitted in Yeshiva. Haircuts should reflect the appearance of a *ben Torah*. The sides and top should be of similar length (sides never less than a #3). If a *talmid* comes to Yeshiva with a haircut that is not acceptable, he may need to return home to fix it (which may require waiting until it grows back appropriately, even for a first offense.) **The Hanhala reserves the right to determine whether a particular garment or haircut will be considered appropriate.**
- The first time a *talmid* comes to school improperly dressed, he will be advised to procure appropriate attire. If his attempt is unsuccessful, administrative discretion will determine if he will be allowed to enter class. A note informing the parents of the violation will be sent home. A *talmid* that violates the dress code a second time will not be allowed to attend class until he arranges for proper attire. Consistent violation of the Yeshiva dress code, may be considered grounds for suspension.
- **Please note:** The Yeshiva is going to enforce the dress code strictly. Please be careful when shopping, to be in compliance with the above rules. The claim of "I already bought it and cannot be expected to purchase a new one" will not be accepted by the Yeshiva, and may leave your son out of class until he is in compliance.

Additionally, *talmidim* of Yeshivas Ohr Reuven represent *bnei Torah* in general, and our Yeshiva in particular, wherever they happen to be. It is therefore incumbent on each of our *talmidim* to wear a hat and jacket to any *tefillah* they may attend throughout the year, both on weekdays and on Shabbos. They should also be dressed like *bnei Torah* (in full compliance with the Yeshiva dress code) anytime they appear in public.

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