

Kindergarten-12th Grade School Dress Code Policy



Respect and appreciation for Torah and education should be reflected in the way we dress at school. Our manner of speech, behavior, and overall presentation should reflect the nobility, self-respect, and inner *tzniut* (modesty, dignity) we are commanded to possess as members of a holy nation. Furthermore, the way we dress affects our seriousness in the classroom. The Denver Academy of Torah's dress code reflects the dignity and honor of a Torah school and maintains a positive educational atmosphere guided by principles of *halacha*.

Students who are not appropriately and neatly dressed in accordance with the dress code will not be permitted in class.

DRESS CODE POLICY

BOYS (Grades 1-12)

Boys in school should wear **collared shirts**; respectable, **regular length pants**; a **kippah** and **tzitzit** at all times.

- **PANTS:** Must be full-length Chino- or Docker-style pants. Pants can be solid in navy, black, khaki, or gray. No jeans, sweatpants, athletic pants, cargo pants or anything similar are permitted. Pants are unacceptable when ripped, oversized, discolored or washed out. Pant waistlines should sit comfortably above the hips. Pants with inappropriate images, words, or logos are not permitted.
- **SHIRTS:** Should collared shirts (oxford style or polo) with sleeves. Long-sleeved turtlenecks are permissible alternatives. Sports jerseys and shirts with inappropriate images, words, or logos are not permitted.
Boys in grades 1st-5th must adhere to the following colors: white, navy, gray, light blue, pale pink or pale yellow. Shirts for boys 1st-5th should be solid without any designs.
- **KIPPAH:** Must be worn at all times and be appropriate in size and stay clipped on at all times.
- **TZITZIT:** Should be worn at all times.
- **SHORTS:** Are not permitted, except during approved athletic activities.
- **SOCKS:** Must be worn at all times.
- **SHOES:** Pool shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, or "heelies" may not be worn in school.
- **HAIR:** Traditional hairstyles that conform to halacha are appropriate for school. Hair must be of a length that is both neat and presentable, reflecting the basic appearance of a *ben Torah*; no excessively long or short hair (subject to administrative discretion) is permitted. No dyed hair.
- Earrings, other body piercings, and permanent tattoos are prohibited.

GIRLS (Grades 1-12)

- **SKIRTS or DRESSES:** Must fall below the knee when standing and seated. If a skirt has a slit, the slit should not come above the knee. Tight fitting skirts or dresses and skirts or dresses with inappropriate images, words, or logos are not permitted.

Girls in grades 1st-5th must adhere to the following skirt colors: khaki, navy, black, or grey. Students in 1st-5th should wear solid colored skirts with no designs.

- **SHIRTS:**

Grades 1-5: Shirts should be button down or “polo” style with 3 or 4 buttons and a collar and may be long-sleeve or short-sleeve. Acceptable colors are white, navy, gray, light blue, pale pink or pale yellow. Shirts should not have emblems or logos, other than a DAT logo. □

Girls in grades 1st-5th must adhere to the following shirt colors: white, navy, gray, light blue, pale pink or pale yellow. Students in 1st-5th should wear solid colored skirts with no designs.

Grades 6-12: Shirts of any color with modest designs are permitted. Shirts should be opaque and cover a student’s collarbone and not be too form fitting. Shirts do not need to have a collar. Sleeves must cover the upper arm and minimally come to the elbow. (***6th Grade only: short sleeves may be worn, but cap style sleeves are not permitted***). Shirts with inappropriate images, words, or logos are not permitted. Shirts should be long enough that the midriff doesn’t show during normal activity.

- **LEGGINGS:** Leggings, tights, or shorts under appropriate length skirts are permitted.
- **SHOES:** Pool shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, or “heelies” may not be worn in school.
- **HAIR:** Hairstyles must be appropriate for school. Dyed hair permitted only in natural colors.
- Earrings are permitted only in the ear. Other body piercings and permanent tattoos are prohibited.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY

While we do not require uniforms in Kindergarten, students are encouraged to dress in the spirit of the dress code. □ Shirts with a collar for boys and girls and skirts for girls are preferable. Pants, shorts, and t-shirts are permissible. Boys should wear a Kippah and Tzitzit at all times. Pool shoes, flip-flops, crocs, or “heelies” may not be worn in school.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

HATS

- Hats may not be worn inside the school building.
- Wearing a hat outdoors at PE or recess is acceptable.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

- Girls may wear shorts or leggings under their uniform skirts.
- Gym shoes or sneakers are required for all activities.

SWEATSHIRTS OR SWEATERS

- May be worn over appropriate shirts as long as they are without inappropriate logos, words, or images.
- Sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn in solid uniform colors (for Grades 1-5) and any color (Grades 6-12) with or without the DAT □ logo.
- Sweatshirts that include an image or logo that supports the IDF, Israel, or bear other Israel support related messages are allowed.

DAT SPIRIT FRIDAYS

- All students in K-12 are permitted and encouraged to wear DAT logo clothing.
- DAT T- Shirts (Grades 1-5) are permissible every Friday.

NOTE: Students who are not appropriately and neatly dressed will be asked to call home to get clothing to change into. Should it be necessary, students will be asked to change into clothing provided by the school. Students are then responsible for washing and returning the clothing items to school. If not returned within one week, parents will be billed for the cost of the clothing.

Please partner with us in helping students to follow these school rules. Administration and faculty members have final determination of appropriate attire.

A NOTE TO PARENTS...

Parents coming to school to either volunteer or to attend school programs are asked to dress in the spirit of the school dress code.