

# DRESSING FOR SCHOOL

A dress code is one important way for students to learn to respect school and learning. Just like it would not be appropriate to wear shorts and a tee-shirt to a wedding, there is also a respectful way to come to school. When students dress as special way, they remember where they are and how they need to act.

The dress code below is meant to help all of the Shalom students learn respect for the school environment:

## GIRLS and BOYS

1. Shorts and may not be worn in school beginning in the first grade.
2. All shoes must have backs and be closed-toed. (No slippers, sandals, clogs, crocs, etc.)
3. Students may not dye, highlight or bleach their hair any color that does not look completely natural on them. Decisions regarding color will be made at the discretion of the administration. In general, we prefer that hair coloring of any sort be avoided.
4. Body piercing is not permitted with the exception of earrings *for girls only*.
5. "Healies" or other shoes with wheels are not permitted anywhere on school premises. The shoes may be worn without the wheels. Wheels found in school will be taken away and returned only to the parents.
6. Baseball caps or any other hats may be worn on field trips only and not in school.
7. General modesty in style and fit should be considered in all choices of school clothing. Clothing that is deemed by the administration to be provocative or inappropriate in any way will not be permitted.

## GIRLS

1. Beginning grade 5 girls must be wearing skirts or dresses. Pants may not be worn under skirts (tights and leggings may be worn underneath).
2. In grades 1-4 pants may be worn (shorts excluded). Leggings may be worn only under a skirt.
3. All skirts must cover the knees with slits no higher than mid-knee.
4. Shirts must meet pants/skirts. Belly shirts and bare midriffs are not appropriate in school.
5. Beginning grade 5, low -cut and deep v-necks may be worn only with a layer underneath.
6. All shirts must have sleeves. *Halter tops and caps sleeves are not permitted.*

## BOYS

1. Beginning grade 5 capris may not be worn – all pants must be long.
2. Yarmulkas must be worn at all times. Any boy without one must purchase one from the school for \$0.25. (Or something of value for his teacher to hold until it is brought.)
3. Starting grade 1, Tzitzit, (fringed garments) must be worn. Younger boys are encouraged in this practice as well.