

## TALMUD TORAH OF ST. PAUL GUIDELINES ON APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL

### General Guideline:

- ◆ *Wear shoes in the building at all times.*
- ◆ *Wear clothing that is modest and safe. Avoid clothing that may cause tripping.*

### **APPROPRIATE DRESS IS IMPORTANT:**

1. To ensure the physical safety of each and every student.
2. To avoid distractions from the learning process that are caused by clothing.
3. To enable students to adjust to changes in their bodies at puberty with privacy and dignity.
4. To encourage students to think about the messages their mode of dress sends to others.
5. To reflect Jewish values of modesty (tzniut).

The Day School Advisory Committee and School Administration recognize the importance of these guidelines for both boys and girls.

### **ILLUSTRATIONS OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE DRESS:**

- a) No bare midriffs. Shirts should cover the entire trunk of the body, both for boys and for girls. It is understood that sometimes when a student is playing on the playground or moving in usual ways, part of the body may be exposed. We recommend that shirts be long and loose enough to avoid this when possible.
- b) No vulgar writing on shirts, backpacks, or other pieces of clothing. This includes obscene gestures or expressions. Clothing also may not advertise alcohol or tobacco products.
- c) Tank tops should cover most of the shoulder and underarms. Examples of inappropriate shirts: loose-fitting basketball tank-tops worn with no shirt underneath or ones that expose much of a boy's upper body; spaghetti strap shirts.
- d) Underwear should be covered. Pants that expose underwear or shirts that expose bra straps are inappropriate.

### **FOLLOW-UP AT SCHOOL:**

Students who are dressed inappropriately will be provided with a T-shirt that will cover him/ her properly. The T-shirt will be taken home, washed and returned clean the next day.

***Parental support is essential in this matter so that we can create an environment that is respectful, safe, and conducive to learning. Please discuss these rules with your child(ren) and be sure that he/she has clothing appropriate for school.***

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