

Mesivta of Greater Los Angeles

Rules and Regulations

DRESS CODE

- Shirts must be white, have collars, with buttons throughout their length.
- Talmidim should wear dark dress slacks.
- Black shoes are worn throughout the day
- Students should not wear any clothing with writing or pictures on them or shorts in public.
- During sports activities conventional athletic attire is permitted.

ALLOWANCES

There is no need for allowances to exceed \$15.00 per week. In order to train our talmidim to become true *Bnei Torah*, they must realize that money is to be spent on necessities. It is also important for *talmidim* to realize that it is improper to display affluence.

LINEN, TOILETRIES, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Talmidim must bring their own towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow cases, toiletries, and school supplies. A list of suggested school supplies is available.

LAUNDRY

There is a coin operated washing machine and dryer on-site.

FOOD

- A two week menu is available.
- The *Yeshiva* provides a snack during the nutrition break in the afternoon, Sunday-Thursday.
- Snacks may be brought from home.
 - Gum or unshelled seeds or nuts of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- All dairy products brought to *Yeshiva* must be *Cholov Yisroel*.
- Private refrigerators are permitted as long as space is shared.
- Cooking and heating appliances are prohibited.
- Heaters that may be a fire hazard are prohibited

PERSONAL ITEMS

- An important part of being a *Ben Torah* is proper personal hygiene and clean neat apparel.
- Six (6) sets of clothes should be sent with your son each week.
- Our PE instructor will determine what equipment students may bring in.

- Newspapers or magazines may not be brought to *Yeshiva*.
- Books read for leisure, published by the following publishers, may be brought in: Artscroll, CIS, Feldheim, Moznayim, and Targum Press.
 - Books by non-Jewish publishers must be screened by Rabbi Gottesman.
- CD and MP3 players WITHOUT DETACHED SPEAKERS and alarm clocks WITHOUT RADIOS may be used. I-pods or PSP type devices may not be brought to *Yeshiva*
- Students may not have devices that have internet capabilities (even if filtered).
- Students who wish to bring in musical instruments need permission from the administration.
- Weapons of any kind may not be brought to *Yeshiva*.
 - Tools of any nature must be cleared by the administration.
- Computers may not be brought to *Yeshiva*.
- The *Hanhala* discourages *talmidim* from bringing their cellular phones to the *Yeshiva*. For out of town *bochurim* and others that need to, their cellular phones must be handed in to Rabbi Gottesman upon their arrival to Mesivta.

COMMUNICATION

- We encourage parental communication with their sons. Public phones are available for incoming and outgoing calls.
 - It is easiest if your son calls home on a regular basis using our 3 public phones.
 - Dining Hall - (747) 444-5175 and -5176.
 - *Bais Medrash* - (747) 444-5178.
- Messages for *talmidim* should **not** be left on the office phone.
 - In case of emergency only: During business hours call the office; after hours call one of the dormitory counselors.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Mesivta has a written policy governing tardiness and absences (available upon request). Students must attend all classes on time.
- It is imperative that all efforts be made by parents not to interfere with their son's learning. All out-of-school appointments should be scheduled for inter-sessions or on Friday afternoons. If unavoidable, express permission must be received from Rabbi Gottesman in advance. It is the student's responsibility to make up all missed work.

SHABBOS AND YOM TOV IN YESHIVA

A big part of the *ruach* that helps our Talmidim grow into proper *Bnei Torah* is participation in *Yeshiva* all the In *Shabbosim*, *Rosh Hashana*, *Yom Kippur*, and *Shavous*. Advance, express permission must be obtained from Rabbi Gottesman to be excused.

TRANSPORTATION

Bussing is provided at the end of every week from Mesivta to North Hollywood, Beverly La Brea, and Pico Robertson. Prior to an In-Shabbos the bus will bring students home on Thursday afternoon and back on Friday afternoon. At all other times it is the responsibility of parents to provide transportation.

When a *talmid* needs to get to or from Yeshiva and his parents can not drive him themselves, a *Rebbe* may be asked to drive the *talmid*. The request should be made by the parent only.

The Mesivta's Conditional Use Permit prohibits students from driving to and from Yeshiva.

Students may leave the campus under parental supervision (or with an agent of the parent) only with the permission of an administrator. Transportation with a staff member should be arranged by the *talmid's* parent.

SEFORIM AND TEXTBOOKS

A list of *Seforim* is presented to each *talmid* prior to the *Elul Zman*. It is the responsibility of each family to acquire the *seforim* in a timely fashion.

Mesivta provides all the General Studies textbooks. It is the responsibility of each *talmid* to care for these textbooks and return them in good condition.

Addendum:

Media Contract

One of the unique qualities of your son's experience at Mesivta is the sheltered environment from potential negative influences, especially from the media.

When a *bocher* returns home, whether for a שבת or for ביין הזמנים, it is imperative that he is not confronted and challenged by these extremely dangerous influences.

In light of this, Mesivta has instituted the following policy:

“Talmidim enrolled at Mesivta commit to refrain from using unfiltered internet, watching movies, T.V. and listening to FM radio. Any cell phones used by a Mesivta talmid must be incapable of accessing unfiltered internet.”

SIGNATURE PAGE

Please return this page with your other paperwork to the office

I, _____, have read the **Mesivta Rules and Regulations** and agree to abide by them.

Parent's signature

Student's signature

Date

I, _____ agree to abide by Mesivta of Greater Los Angeles' policy on media exposure as detailed in the additional **Media Contract**.

Parent's signature

Student's signature

Date