



YESHIVA
TORAS CHAIM
TORAS EMES

DR. ABE CHAMES
HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2023-2024



PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

The Yeshiva's high school division was established in 1984 to provide a classical Yeshiva education for motivated, interested and qualified students. In May 2010, it was formally dedicated by the Chames family as the Dr. Abe Chames High School to perpetuate the memory of a most beloved friend of the Yeshiva, Dr. Abe Chames A"H. Dr. Chames' unparalleled love of chesed made him a driving force in the growth and development of our Yeshiva and the entire South Florida community. His illustrious legacy continues to inspire all those whose lives he touched, and to illuminate the path for the hundreds of talmidim who are zocheh to attend the school that so lovingly bears his name.

Our goal is to offer an exciting intensive program of Torah study together with an outstanding secular college preparatory program. Our job is not merely to impart knowledge, but to instill a love of learning and to develop high moral character in our students. We recognize that today's world presents many distractions for Yeshiva students and that the expectations of society often differ from the rigorous demands placed upon our students from home and school. By working closely with parents, by providing a warm, supportive and nurturing environment, and with the care and commitment of our faculty, our students strive to overcome these challenges and to serve as role models for others.

We offer a stimulating dual curriculum of Judaic and General studies. We believe that the skills and work habits needed for achieving excellence in each are similar and complementary, and we are constantly seeking ways for the two disciplines to reinforce each other. The ability to organize and present logical thoughts, to research, to study, to analyze and to communicate effectively, are necessary in all types of education. We, therefore, continuously strive to provide each student with an intellectually challenging academic program. The experiences gained through meeting the challenges of the dual curriculum enable our students to excel in their future endeavors. Our dual accreditation by AISF and Middle States are indicators of our dedication to the loftiest academic standards.

Although Torah Studies form the primary focus in the Yeshiva, we also strive to achieve and maintain the highest standards of excellence in our General studies department. With this solid foundation, students will have the ability to pursue whatever path they may wish to choose after graduation.

One sign of the success of our educational program is that our graduates choose to make Torah study a lifelong pursuit. Our Chazal have said that whoever does not increase (his knowledge) actually decreases it. Therefore, we place a great deal of emphasis on developing the skills and abilities a young man will need to be able to study the sources independently.

The creation of the State of Israel is one of the seminal events in Jewish history. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an attachment to the State of Israel and its people as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare. We reserve the right to disagree with some of the policies and decisions of the State.

We are committed to long-term success. We are proud of our school community: our parents, students, Rabbeim, faculty, and staff. We believe that by working together, and with our ongoing vision, creativity, and hard work, we will continue to attain even higher levels of excellence.



POLICIES & PRACTICES

OUR STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL WHEN:

- They attend school daily and are on time for davening and all classes.
- They are dressed in accordance with the dress code.
- They schedule medical and other necessary appointments, whenever possible, at times that will be the least disruptive to the school day and learning.
- They are careful about getting the proper amount of sleep, maintain good nutritional habits, and get enough exercise so that they can be on time for school and function at their best.
- They manage their time well and complete all assignments and preparation in a timely manner.

There are times when absences are unavoidable. Please call our office before 9:00 AM and leave a message with the secretary or on the Yeshiva's voice mail so that Rabbeim and teachers can be informed. You may also email your message to the High School office at dachs@ytcte.org.

It is crucial that you consult and utilize the school calendar when planning vacations or making travel plans. All students, including dorm students, should arrange to attend school until the last scheduled class prior to vacations, and to return promptly when school is scheduled to resume. Special care must be taken not to miss scheduled examinations. We do not allow students to take exams early. Make-up exams are scheduled with administrative approval in extenuating circumstances only.

Extended absences and/or travel greatly compromise the learning process and success of our students. They are therefore strongly discouraged. Should there be extenuating circumstances, please discuss it with the principals in advance. This will help ensure your son's success in yeshiva.

When a student must leave school during the regular school day, for any reason, and when arriving late or after an appointment, students must sign out and (back) in at the office.



ADMISSIONS

Students applying to our Yeshiva should complete the application online at ytcte.org which includes:

- an application form
- student records from the previous two years
- two references

Once the Yeshiva receives the above items, a personal interview which will include an oral exam for Limudei Kodesh and a written placement exam for General Studies, will be scheduled.

A student will be admitted to the Yeshiva if he is motivated, can perform satisfactorily, is committed to the goals and ideals of our Yeshiva, and we determine that our program is appropriate and can meet his individual needs.

YTCTE admits all students of the Jewish faith regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin. All scholarships and programs will be administered in a non-discriminatory fashion as to race, color, national or ethnic origin.



BAIS MEDRASH ZICHRON EZRA

We are proud of the enormous success of the Bais Medrash Division of Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes. It has helped transform North Miami Beach into a true Makom Torah. Additionally, the atmosphere which is created provides a valuable resource to our high school students. The Bochorim act as big brothers and their presence adds to the ruach of the Yeshiva. Bais Medrash bochorim and our High School students learn together, and join in many ruach-filled events.



BICYCLE POLICY

Students are permitted to bike to and from school.

All bikes, scooters, electric scooters, etc. must be parked properly in the designated area only. Bikes parked improperly may be removed and eventually discarded. So as not to be considered "abandoned", bikes which are left on the Yeshiva's grounds over the summer must be registered for the following year prior to the owner's departure, as we dispose of all abandoned bikes over the summer.

We want all of our students to remain safe and out of harm's way!! Therefore, please be aware of these two important rules:

- ** All students should wear helmets, reflectors, vests etc.**
- ** Students should cross Miami Gardens Drive in the pedestrian crosswalk, and ONLY on a green light!**



BOOKS

The Yeshiva supplies its students with secular textbooks and supplemental materials. Occasionally, for a nominal fee, students may be asked to obtain additional supplies. Students are expected to maintain their books in good condition and return them at the end of the school year. Textbooks should be covered to maintain their condition. Students are responsible for replacing any lost or severely damaged textbooks. **Students may take their final exams and be issued report cards only when all textbooks have been paid for or returned.**



CELL PHONES

It is the overwhelming consensus of Gedolei Yisroel as well as educational and psychological professionals that cell phone use at school is detrimental to students, to the learning process and to the learning environment. The Yeshiva does not allow student use of cell phones for any reason, at any time during the school day, anywhere on campus. The use of any cell phone for any purpose without permission will be considered a violation of this policy and will result in consequences that may include confiscation of the phone.

If a student needs to have a cell phone available during transportation to and from school, the phone (“dumbphone”) should be placed in his locker upon arrival in the morning, and it should remain there for the entire school day. Smartwatches (watches with games or texting, etc.) are a distraction from a student’s focus on his academics, and may not be worn or used in school.

During the admissions process of the past four years, the administration of the High School met with all incoming students and their parents. A commitment was made by all accepted applicants to be smartphone free throughout their enrollment at DACHS. The only smartphone that our students are allowed to have are the ones with the Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes App Stores sold by Safe Telecom (thekosheros.com).

Please be aware that dumbphones need to be properly protected as well. Please contact the TAG office at 561-267-4762 to ensure your son is set up for success.

Parents should not call or send messages to their sons during the school day. Parents or students with an urgent need to communicate should speak with an administrator or the office. Additional cell phone policies for dormitory residents may be found in the “Dormitory” student handbook.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is very important that the Yeshiva maintain an accurate and current record of student addresses and emergency telephone numbers. If your address, home phone number, mobile phone number or email address change, please notify us as soon as possible.



CLOSED SCHOOL POLICY

In the interest of student safety, we have a “closed school” policy. This means that all students must stay on our three-acre campus for the entire school day. Permission to go off campus during school hours will be decided on a case-by-case basis, and may be granted by an administrator only. Students with permission to leave campus must sign in and out at the office.

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CONTACTING US

We actively seek every opportunity to make your son's experience at school a pleasant one for him and you. The school switchboard line is open from 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 1:45 PM on Fridays, and 9:00 AM - 1:15 PM on Sundays. Parents are welcome and encouraged to call the Yeshiva with their comments and/or questions. The office staff is frequently able to answer your questions, so please feel free to direct your questions to them. If they are unable to provide answers to your questions, please leave a detailed message specifying the administrator or teacher with whom you wish to speak, so that your issues can be addressed as soon as possible. A return call will be forthcoming. You may also email the school at dachs@ytctc.org.

Please do not call or text your son on his cell phone during the school day.



CURRICULUM

COURSE OFFERINGS – LIMUDEI KODESH

A primary focus of the Limudei Kodesh curriculum is the development of the skills and ability necessary for independent study, including Gemorah and Meforshim. Basic familiarity with all areas of Torah, including Halacha and Hashkafa, are stressed. Since the performance of Mitzvos and proper Middos are inseparable from Limud HaTorah, they will be addressed from curricular and other vantages. Regular and Honors Shiurim are offered in all grades.

Grade 9-12 Halacha, Gemorah (Perush & Havanah), Chumash, Parsha (self-study), Bekiyus-Gemorah, Yedios HaTorah, Navi, and Mussar.

Grade 12 A transitional Bais Medrash program is offered combining elements of a post high school Bais Medrash and High School instruction. Three tracks are offered.

Note: We will have special programs on Tefilah as well.

COURSE OFFERINGS – GENERAL STUDIES

We offer a rigorous General studies program in English, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. All subjects on all grade levels are available on a regular or Honors/Accelerated level. Many subjects are also taught on a basic level for students in need of remediation. Motivated students may also opt to prepare for Advanced Placement examinations in May. Additional enrichment courses are offered as well. When combined with our intensive Judaic program, the result is a superior college preparatory program that will enable students to pursue university or post-secondary programs.

Grade 9 Algebra 1 or Geometry, Biology, English I or World Literature, World History.

Grade 10 Geometry or Algebra II, Physical Science or Chemistry, English II or World Literature II, American History/AP US History.

Grade 11 Liberal Arts II, Math or Algebra II or Pre Calculus, Principles of Technology (STEM), Physics, Environmental Science, or Earth and Space Science, English III or British Literature or AP English, Government, AP US Government and Economics with Financial Literacy.

We are working together with Miami-Dade College to increase the rigor of our high school curriculum by adding a Dual Enrollment component in some subjects.

Grade 12 College Prep Math or Pre Calculus or Calculus, English IV or World Literature or AP English, Modern Jewish History, Computer Programming.



DISCIPLINE

Every student deserves a learning environment that is safe and secure. Our behavior standard is based upon a healthy respect for the individual, the learning environment, and school property. We expect all students to maintain behavior standards appropriate for a ben Torah/Yeshiva student at all times, both on and off campus.

Our Rabbeim work tirelessly to create an atmosphere of Torah learning and love of Torah ideals. With carefully planned extra-curricular events, shabbatonim, trips and special functions, we provide your son with exciting activities, all of which are conducted within a proper Torah framework.

Coeducational activities including but not limited to social gatherings or social networking (ie: WhatsApp, Instagram, facebook, texting, Snapchat etc) are activities that are unacceptable for a DACHS student.

Additionally, much of that which is offered by the media today is considered unacceptable by Torah standards. Therefore, attending movies, for example, is inconsistent with the values of a ben Torah.

Students are not allowed to possess or use alcohol, cigarettes, E Cigs, Vape Pens, intoxicants or any mind-altering substance on or off campus. An appropriate disciplinary action, including the possibility of expulsion, will be taken if any student is found to be in violation of this fundamental law. This statement is consistent with the information which is clearly stated on the Parental Consent Form completed during registration. This does not apply to medications which are prescribed by and taken under a doctor's orders and/or supervision. Additionally, it does not apply to the appropriate use of wine for Kiddush.

Each teacher will implement a classroom management plan that provides for a safe learning environment, challenging and well-prepared lesson plans, clearly defined expectations of behavior, consistent reinforcement of these expectations, and a sensitivity to each student's needs. Unexcused lateness may result in the reduction of a student's grade. Unexcused absences will result in a direct reduction of a student's grade; each unexcused absence from a day's class will reduce the semester grade by 1.5 points. Each instructor will communicate directly with his students regarding this matter.



DORMITORY

Note: To maintain appropriate levels of safety and supervision for ALL students, non-dormitory residents are not permitted in the dormitory at any time.

PROGRAMS

We have established two dormitory programs for high school students. We offer a full-time dormitory program (available for out-of-state students) as well as a part-time dormitory program for Florida residents. All of our dormitory students benefit from their close relationships with our Bais Medrash, and added opportunities for advancement in learning. Further details are available from our office.

DORMITORY POLICIES

Refer to High School Dormitory Student Handbook



DRESS CODE

Dr. Abe Chames High School is proud of our students' continuous growth in Torah and Tefilah. Alongside our Bais Medrash Division, it has become a true Makom Torah.

We have worked diligently with parents and students alike to adopt a dress code that is both comfortable and "user-friendly" to our students. In addition, the dress code fosters a professional environment and promotes Kavod HaTorah. Students are expected to conform to both the letter and to the true spirit of our dress code.

Students should dress properly for school to be admitted to class and to be considered for any exam exemptions at the end of each semester, and to be considered for the Dean's List.

FOR LEARNING AND DAVENING

Slacks	Black, Navy or Charcoal Grey colored dress slacks (cotton, poly / wool or wool); no cargo or denim pants; no patch pocket or jeans cut; no skinny / tight fitting pants
Shirts	Only solid white, light blue, light grey dress shirts (material should be dress not casual fabric); must be buttoned except for top top button; must be tucked in
Shoes	Formal dress shoe or loafer; solid, dark color - including the laces; the sole of the shoe may be a lighter color; must be fully closed toe and heel; sneakers are allowed for PE periods
Undershirts	White; no muscle or body shirts, even during recess and PE
Socks	Any color which covers the top of the ankle
Yarmulka	Black velvet or cloth (no leather or knit); solid (rim must be black only); no names, designs, initials, logos
Tzitzis	Tzitzis are to be worn at all times
Sweatshirts	Sweatshirts or sweaters without hoods, logos or words may be worn as needed for comfort.

*Necklaces, chains, and bracelets may not be worn at school.

FOR DAVENING

Hats	Solid, dark formal hats only (no fedoras)
Jackets	Both suit and formal blazers are acceptable; cardigan sweaters and leather jackets are not suitable for davening jackets

FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

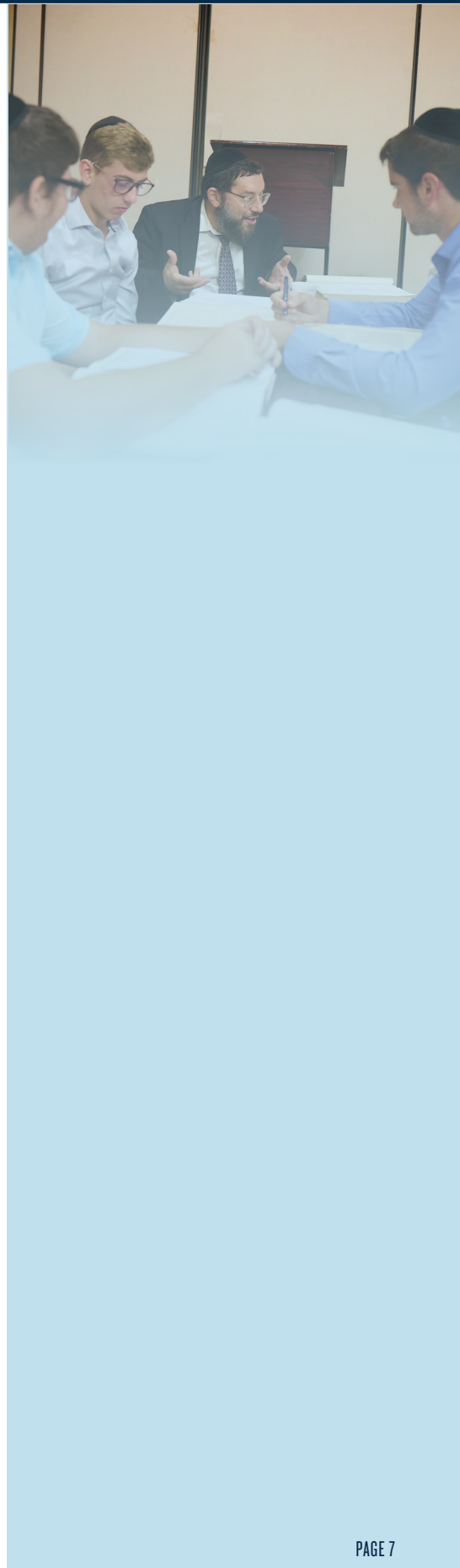
Recess and Physical Education periods are times that students enjoy playing ball and relaxing. Exercise and fitness are integral components of a student's success. Sneakers and t-shirts with sleeves may be worn during these times. Muscle or body shirts are not permitted. Of course, yarmulkas or caps must be worn at all times. Students returning to class from PE or recess should allow adequate time to clean up and get dressed properly before reentering the classroom.

HAIRCUTS

Chazal recognized the influence exerted on us by our haircuts. Because our hair is a part of our body, the potential impact on us is even greater than the influence from our clothing. DACHS students should always be clean-shaven, except for religious reasons. Haircuts should be the conservative style of Bnei Torah. Beyond the Halachic requirements of a Kosher haircut, styles which do not model the look of Bnei Torah (i.e. very short or or long in specific areas or with defined changes of hair length) are not allowed. Regretfully, students who arrive at school with haircuts that do not conform with the dress code may be sent home until the haircut can be fixed or grows back.

OFF-CAMPUS DRESS AND BEHAVIOR

Students are required to dress and to comport themselves appropriately at all times, even when off campus, even when school is not in session. Dressing and acting as a ben Torah demonstrate proper kavod HaTorah and are expected standards to which all Dr. Abe Chames High School students are held.



EARLY DISMISSAL / OFF-CAMPUS APPOINTMENTS

Excellent class attendance is reflected in a student's grade. Conversely, interruption of class instruction can be detrimental to the learning process. Therefore, requests for early dismissal should be minimized. If there is a need for early dismissal, the following procedure should be followed.

Parents should contact an administrator in advance, as the office staff and/or teachers are unable to grant permission for early dismissal. You may also email your message to the High School office at dachs@ytcte.org. This helps alert and remind all appropriate parties.

Parents are required to sign their son out at the school office. Students must sign in upon returning to school.

Note: Students are expected to return to school to complete the school day unless it is deemed necessary to do otherwise.



EXAMINATION POLICY

In order to avoid a situation where a student has too many exams on any one day, the Yeshiva will abide by the following test and quiz policy:

A QUIZ is defined as any written or oral assessment of materials learned in class or home over the past 2 days. A quiz should not take more than 15 minutes.

A TEST is defined as any written or oral assessment of materials learned in class or at home going back more than 2 days.

All tests must be announced a minimum of 5 class days in advance, and may only be administered on the Test Day designated for that subject area. Any deviation from this Test Day schedule must be approved by the administration.

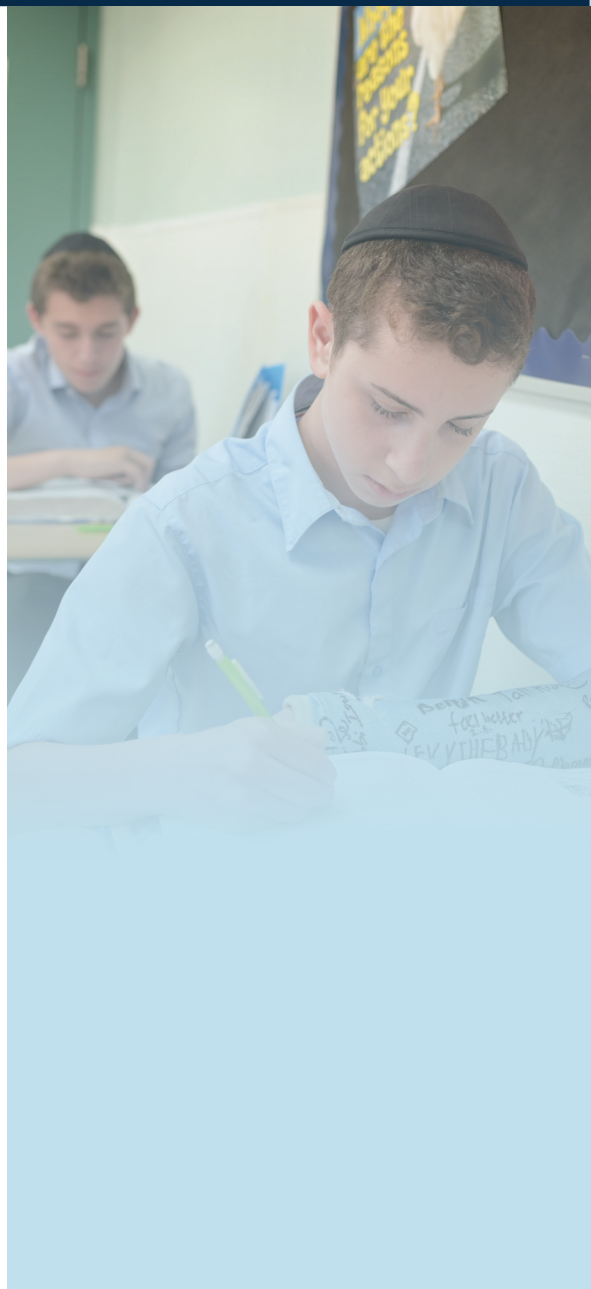
- SUNDAY: Chumash/Navi
- MONDAY: Parsha, Math
- TUESDAY: English, Social Studies
- WEDNESDAY: Gemora Perush
- THURSDAY: Bekius, Science
- FRIDAY: Gemora Havana, Halacha

SEMESTER EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

In recognition of the students' positive contributions to the Yeshiva's serious learning environment through responsible attendance and academic effort, we have instituted a semester exam exemption policy as detailed below.

January comprehensive semester exams are administered only in the subjects of Gemara Havana and Mathematics. In all other subjects, unit tests will be administered in each subject as appropriate, and/or alternative assessments such as research papers or projects will take the place of semester exams. In June, there will be comprehensive semester examinations in all subject areas.

Each student will begin each semester with the privilege of opting out of one semester exam in June. Shortly before the June semester exam week, each student will be asked to indicate his first, second and third choice of which exams to be exempted from. In order to opt out of the exam in any subject,



the student must maintain a minimum grade of 3.0 and a conduct grade no lower than “S” in that subject. Prior to the exams, after verifying eligibility, the administration will notify him regarding which exam he does not have to take. A student with exemplary attendance both semesters will be entitled to two exemptions in June, one earned in each semester.

Students will forfeit this privilege if they accumulate any combination of excessive absences and/or unexcused tardies. If, during either semester, a student is absent that semester more than five (5) times from any one class, or from shacharis, mincha or ma’ariv (when davened together at the Yeshiva), he will be ineligible for an exemption from any exam for that semester. For the purpose of determining test exemptions, three (3) unexcused tardies to any class or davening will be considered the equivalent of an absence from that class or davening. Official teacher and office attendance records will be used to determine eligibility for each semester.

The administration of semester exams is an expected and normal part of the school experience. Students who forfeit their exam exemption should not consider the taking of exams a punishment, but rather the loss of a privilege.

Note: Students eligible for exemption may be required to take a unit exam on new material covered.



FOOD

Students are permitted to consume food and drink in the dining room only. This enables the school building to remain clean and allows students to remain focused on schoolwork. Water bottles with sports spouts are acceptable in the classroom. All food items must be stored in sealed plastic containers (such as Tupperware, or other similar containers). The containers must be sealed at all times and not left open. For those interested, there is a hot lunch/dinner program of which students can take part.



GRADING POLICIES

Note: Grades in Honors classes will carry an additional point value (i.e. A=5, B=4 etc.).

A+:	For exceptional work that deserves special recognition.	4.3 grade points
A:	Superior (Numerically 93-100%) This grade is reserved for the student who demonstrates superior mastery of the material and exhibits excellent classroom decorum and participation.	4.0 grade points
A-:	Very Good (Numerically 90-92%)	3.7 grade points
B+:	(Numerically 87-89%)	3.3 grade points
B:	Good (83-86%) This grade indicates an above average level of achievement in all areas.	3.0 grade points
B-:	(Numerically 80-82%)	2.7 grade points
C+:	(Numerically 77-79%)	2.3 grade points
C:	Fair (73-76%) This grade indicates low, but acceptable level of performance	2.0 grade points
C-:	(Numerically 70-72%)	1.7 grade points





D+:	Poor (Numerically 68–69%) This grade indicates poor performance and indicates that the student will need intervention to succeed in this course.	1.3 grade points
D:	65–67%	1.0 grade points
F:	Failing (Numerically under 65%) An “F” grade means that the student has not attained a minimal achievement in the class and credit will not be granted.	0.0 grade points

Students cannot graduate without successfully completing all course offerings.

Due to the significantly increased rigor of their Judaic Studies program, students who voluntarily participate in the 12th grade Bais Medrash Program take only two general studies classes per semester. To merit inclusion on the General Studies Honor Roll, students in the 12th grade Bais Medrash Program must demonstrate their commitment to standards of academic excellence by qualifying for the Judaic Studies Honor Roll as well.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student who maintains a GPA below 2.0 in either Judaic or Secular Studies subjects will be placed on Academic Probation. A student may also be placed on Academic Probation for excessive absences, as determined by the administration. A student who is listed on Academic Probation for two or more semesters may be disenrolled from DACHS and/or lose academic standing.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

In addition to the risk of being placed on academic probation, as mentioned above, any student with more than 5 absences in a marking period (quarter) or 10 absences in a semester, in any course, may be dropped from the course and forced to repeat the quarter or semester. Three unexcused latenesses to class will be considered the equivalent of one absence. The circumstances of each individual case will be reviewed by the administration.

HONOR ROLL

A student who earns a GPA of 3.7 within a department will be placed on that department's Honor Roll.

DEAN'S LIST

Students who make both Honor Rolls, have the approval of the administration, have no marks below a B-, have excellent conduct reports in all subjects and comply with the school's dress code will make the DACHS Dean's List.

INCOMPLETE

There are times when a grade of INCOMPLETE must be used to allow a student time to submit missing assignments and/or make up missed exams. In all cases, INCOMPLETE is a temporary grade and the student will be given a reasonable time period in which to complete the outstanding work. If the work is not submitted on time, the grade of INCOMPLETE will be changed on the permanent record accordingly.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students in grades 10-12 may be eligible for nomination to the National Honor Society based upon scholarship, citizenship and service. Ongoing membership once admitted requires continuing to meet the eligibility requirements. Eligibility is based upon cumulative GPA from grade 9 (or of the first semester of attendance at DACHS) and upon conduct grades over

multiple marking periods. A student must be in attendance for a minimum of one year at our school to qualify. The faculty must approve all candidates as exemplifying the values and the standards of the Yeshiva.

REPORT CARD GRADES

DACHS issues report cards quarterly. The second and fourth quarter report cards will contain both quarter and semester grades. They will be calculated according to the following formula:

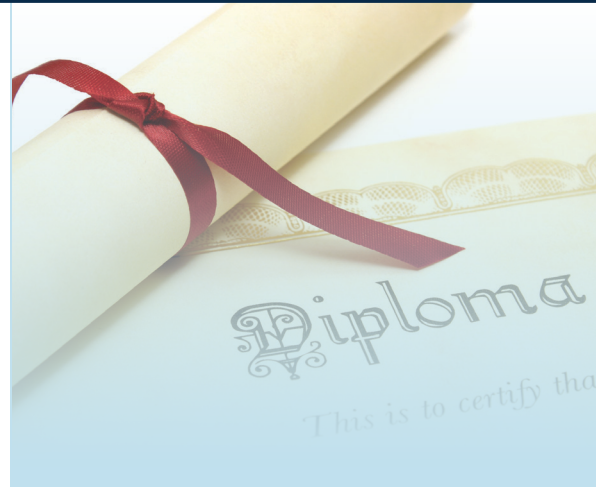
1st or 3rd Quarter: 40%; 2nd or 4th Quarter: 40%; Semester exam: 20%; or 50% each quarter if no semester exam is administered. In some cases, a semester project may take the place of an exam.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student will graduate from our Yeshiva when he completes four years of high school, meets all graduation requirements and attains an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, as per Florida law. A poor attendance record which includes excessive tardiness can influence a student's eligibility for graduation.

In order to be issued a diploma from Dr. Abe Chames High School, all courses and credits required by the state of Florida as well as by the school must be completed with a passing grade. In addition to progress reports and report cards, the school will issue graduation checks for all 11th and 12th graders during the second semester, updating parents and students on the students' progress in meeting graduation requirements.



HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The State of Florida requires that all students whose parents reside in Florida must have the proper immunization forms (Form 680) and physical examination forms (Form 3040) on file at the Yeshiva by the first day of school.

Note: Out-of-town students are required to submit forms from their respective states/physicians. Our office can be helpful in guiding you through this process. Please call if you have any questions.

High School dorm students and families new to Florida have an extension of up to 30 days from the first day of school to submit their immunization records on Florida forms. If you have not successfully contacted Dr Bennett's office, appointments can be made with the Florida Board of Health for those who do not yet have a Florida doctor or insurance coverage (305-575-3800, Immunization Health Department). Bear in mind that the Yomim Tovim fall during the first month of school so there isn't a lot of time to get those forms, even with the extension. Please take care of these arrangements at the earliest opportunity.



HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an integral part of the learning process and is assigned on a regular basis in both the Judaic and secular departments. Teachers are sensitive to the demands of the daily schedule and give reasonable assignments with adequate time for completion. Students are responsible for managing their study and homework times efficiently.



ILLNESS / MEDICATION POLICY

AT SCHOOL

If your son becomes ill at school and is unable to complete the school day, we will contact you as soon as possible. Please instruct your son to come to the office if he feels ill. Students should not call home on their own but should contact a parent through the office.

Dorm students who do not feel well may not go to the dorm without permission from the office.

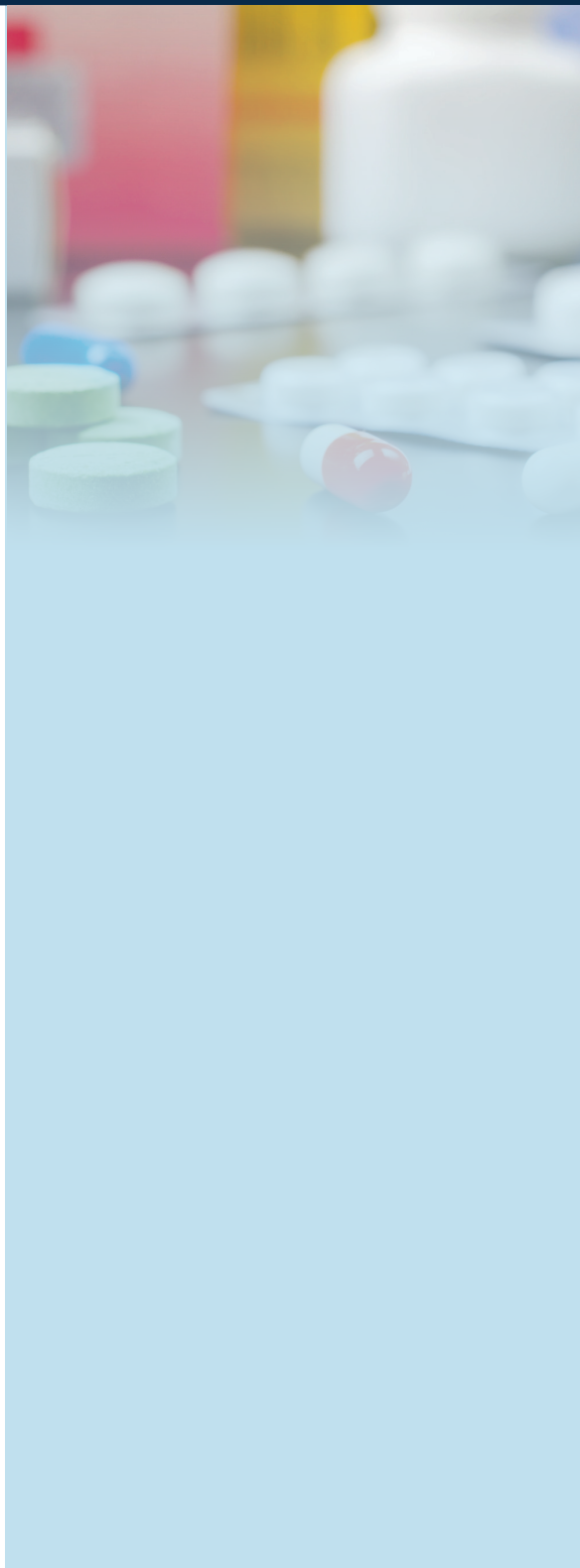
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

During school hours, all prescription and over-the-counter medicines must be administered in the office. After school hours, the administration will make appropriate provisions as necessary. This policy is required by our accrediting agencies and is in compliance with government regulations. Students who are found to be in violation of this policy by self-medicating will have their medication taken away and the parents informed.

A student requiring medication, either on an occasional or on-going basis, must provide the office with a signed note from a parent or medical professional detailing the name of the medication and instructions for administration. A supply of the medication, clearly labeled with the student's name, should be provided at that time, and will be safely stored in the school office. The student will come to the office when he needs to take the medication, at which time the medicine will be given and the administration of the medication will be noted in the official medication log.

Note: It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that the office has an adequate supply of any and all needed medications, and to replenish the supply as needed. Additionally, the office should be informed of any changes to dosage and/or frequency, or that the medication is no longer required. Your student medical needs will be much better served when all requested medical information is complete in the Parent Portal.

Adherence to the above-mentioned school procedures and protocols will help increase student safety and at the same time, will decrease potential liability.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

One of the realities of living in South Florida is the occasional Tornado or Hurricane Watch or Warning.

If any severe weather watches or warnings are announced or occur while school is in session, all precautions and actions necessary for the safety of the students and staff will be taken. If it is deemed necessary to send students home, we will proceed in an organized, efficient and judicious manner to communicate to all families and safely get the students home. Dorm students will be provided for and their families notified.

The Yeshiva will not necessarily follow the lead of the Miami Dade Public School System regarding school closure. We will make every effort to notify all families of our plans via a combination of emails and phone calls. Updated information will also be posted on our school web page.

In all cases when the Yeshiva is open, each family should use good judgment and common sense in deciding whether to go to work or send your children to school, acting in accordance with the weather and road conditions where you live, which may be different than the conditions at the school.

After a school closure, we must thoroughly inspect the campus before reopening. Information will be made available through the same sources as soon as possible.



INTERNET USE

Internet use, in its various forms and multitude of devices, is at once a mainstay of our lives, but at the same time is our greatest challenge. Before we realize it, our children become exposed to material and images that can stunt their growth in Torah and Mitzvos, and heavy exposure to even innocent games can do immeasurable damage to their developing brains.

The Internet Safety Policy that is outlined in detail below is designed to enable our families to uplift themselves spiritually and control the devices that more often than not, seem to control us.

- Each family is required to install an effective filter/protection on any internet capable device (including cell phones) used by our students without supervision. We strongly encourage parents to install effective filters/protection on all of their personal devices.
- Even the most effective filters are not 100% foolproof. Therefore, families are strongly encouraged to limit usage of computers and devices to public areas of the home.
- If you require assistance with our policy, please reach out to technology@ytcte.org. Alternatively, the TAG Office is reachable at 561-614-4686, by e-mail info@tagsouthflorida.org, or their website: www.tagsouthflorida.org. The TAG technicians will guide and assist the parents, navigating them through the options in their unique situation.

Be aware of the harmful potential of cell phones and other electronics devices in addition to the Internet. Many iPods, PSP's, media players and cell phones now have WiFi, DVD/video capabilities with credit-card size screens. These items pose an additional spiritual danger to our youth and we very strongly discourage furnishing the boys with such devices.

With this support in place, we can help our talmidim meet the challenge of growing up successfully to a life of Torah, learning and Mitzvah observance, a life of Kedusha, aware of and protected from the negative influences that Internet access can bring.



LATENESS

Regular attendance and timely arrival to classes are essential components for a student's success. Absences and tardiness negatively impact a student's grades. Unexcused latenesses or absences may result in the reduction of a student's grade. Each instructor will communicate directly with his students regarding this matter.



LEGAL CUSTODY NOTIFICATION

In the case of divorce, Florida State Law mandates that parents provide the school with documentation specifying who has legal custody of the child(ren). If there is no legal documentation, then both parents have the right to access records and pick up their son(s). It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide legal documentation verifying custody arrangements and notifying the school in writing of any special circumstances regarding the rights and obligations of the non-custodial parent. This includes providing written permission for the non-custodial parent to pick up a student on a regular basis or for a special occasion.



LOCKERS

Large, roomy lockers equipped with individual locks are available to each student. These lockers were designed specifically for our students' needs and are wide enough to store students' book bags plus additional items. Nominal annual rental fees are charged to help defray some of the cost. Classrooms are cleaned daily; therefore, books and personal items should be stored in lockers only. Students who choose not to lock their lockers do so at their own risk. It is highly recommended that students keep their lockers locked.



MEDIA DEVICES

The Yeshiva strongly discourages TV/movie viewing by students and families. We work very hard together with our parent body to imbue each of our talmidim with the inherent beauty and kedusha of each neshoma. Much of what is available today for viewing runs counter to all that we strive to teach.

Computer games and electronic devices are not permitted at school as these devices severely compromise the learning atmosphere.

In addition, any device with Internet access may not be brought to school. We have invested substantially in setting up a state-of-the-art media center, which contains computers that are available for student use. No student may bring a computer to Yeshiva without administrative permission.

We do not allow the use of headphones at any time during the school day and strongly discourage our students' exposure to popular secular music. The popular secular music industry has plummeted to levels devoid of any moral value whatsoever and should be avoided even outside of school.



PERMANENT RECORDS

Permanent records will be maintained by DACHS and used to generate transcripts to other educational institutions. Once financial obligations are met, transcripts and report cards can be sent to other institutions. This is a uniform policy amongst all private schools and is enforced collaboratively.

Transcripts are provided at no charge to current students. Graduates and former students will be charged \$12.00 per transcript request.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We value our students' need for exercise and physical fitness. Therefore, DACHS schedules a physical education period each day Monday - Thursday. Special assemblies or a student conference with a Rebbe or teacher may be scheduled at this time to minimize interruption of classes.



SPECIAL EVENTS

DACHS will conduct special events including guest speakers, special classes, field trips and Shabbatonim. These events greatly enhance the ruach amongst the students and foster closer Rebbe-talmid relationships. The student organization will organize extra-curricular activities under the guidance of the administration. Parents may be asked to defray the costs of some of these events. Written parental permission will be solicited when appropriate.



STANDARDIZED TESTING

We administer the Stanford Achievement Exam to all students in grade 9. In Grades 10 and 11, all students will be administered the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test PSAT/NMSQT. Students in grades 11 and 12 may choose the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/ or the ACT Assessment. Information regarding all of these tests may be obtained from the General Studies Principal.

To be excused from Sunday classes to take the SAT or ACT exam, the school must be notified in writing at least one week in advance of the exam date. Note: Students will not be excused from end of the year Judaic semester exams to take either the ACT or SAT.



STUDENT DRIVER AND PASSENGER POLICY

As a reflection of our constant concern for the safety and well being of our students at all times, Dr. Abe Chames High School maintains a very clear policy regarding student drivers and student passengers in cars driven by other students. This policy is vital to the safety of all students and must be followed diligently.

Parents must give written consent for their son to drive to school (and park a car on campus). One written authorization per school year is sufficient. Even if your son will not be driving daily or regularly, a signed consent must be on file if he is to drive at all.

Students driving to and from school may not drive the car at any time during the school day. This includes meal times, break times, free periods etc. No exceptions will be made to this rule without permission from one of the principals. No other staff member is authorized to give such permission. Additionally, students may not use the car as a place to sit, a place to conduct meetings and/or as a personal locker.

Student drivers may not, at any time, drive other students in their car - even to go home - without written permission from both the parent of the student driver and the parent of the student passenger. These written permissions must be on file in our office.

All student drivers must have on file in the office a photocopy of a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. As students obtain their licenses over the course of the school year, they should remember to update the required documentation in the office.

Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes takes no responsibility for students taking Uber or Lyft car services to or from the Yeshiva at any time. Uber or Lyft cars, when dropping off or picking up students, should not stop in the entrance where they block traffic and create a significant safety hazard.



STUDENT SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 AM - 6:15 PM*
Friday: 7:30 AM - 1:45 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM - 1:15 PM (includes Mincha)
(see additional Mishmar and Night Seder Hours Below)

*From From November 6th through February 21st there will be Maariv after class and the students will be dismissed at 6:30 PM.

Students should aim to arrive by 7:20 AM to allow enough time to begin Shacharis with the tzibur at 7:30 AM.

MISHMAR:

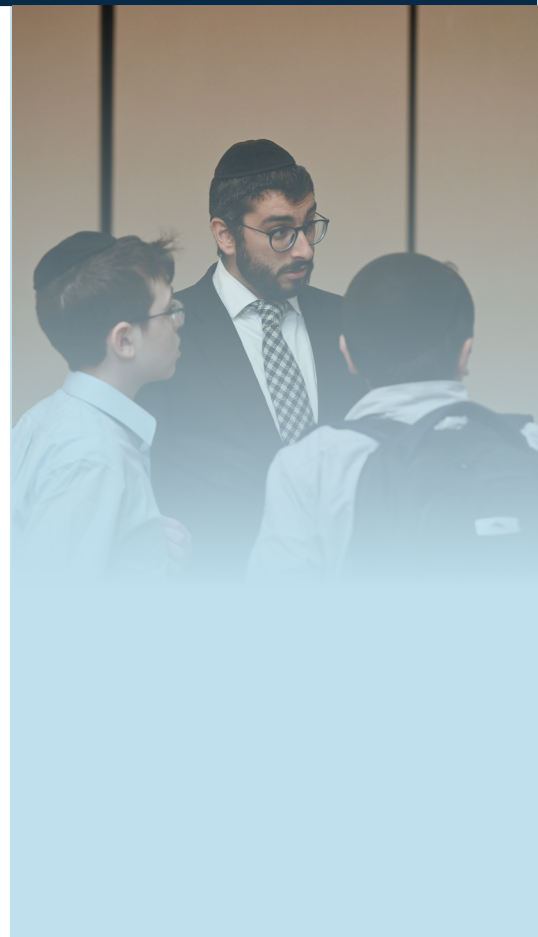
9th-12th Grades: Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 - 8:15 PM (Includes Ma'ariv)
12th Grade: Monday and Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 PM (includes Ma'ariv)

HONORS SHIURIM EXTENDED HOURS

Sundays 1:15-2:15 PM (Includes lunch provided by Yeshiva and Mincha)
Monday 6:15-7:45 PM (Includes supper provided by Yeshiva and Maariv)
Wednesday (optional) 8:00-9:00 PM (Includes Maariv)
at the NMB Kollel, Kollel Zichron Michel

12TH GRADE BAIS MEDRASH PROGRAM ADDITIONAL NIGHT SEDER:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30-9:30 Tuesday & Thursday 8:15-9:00



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Torah Chinuch is a year-round pursuit. Our Yeshiva can truly be successful in helping to build B'nei Torah when the students' summer activities are compatible with the goals of the Yeshiva. Our Rabbeim and administration will go to great lengths to assist any talmid in making appropriate summer arrangements. Coeducation programs, recreational or academic cannot be considered an option for a DACHS student. This includes day camps in which the mingling of male and female staff members occurs. Please speak with a Rebbe or administrator well in advance if you have any questions regarding summer plans.



DACHS HANHALA



RABBI BINYOMIN LUBAN

Rosh HaYeshiva



RABBI YISROEL Y. NIMAN

Rosh HaYeshiva



RABBI MORDECHAI PALGON

Rosh HaYeshiva



RABBI YEHUDA BERGIDA

Menahel



RABBI YAAKOV DREYFUSS

Menahel



RABBI YITZCHOK SCHLISSSEL

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