

YTCTE ECE Parent Handbook – 2020-2021

THE UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES AND CHANGES IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT ON NUMEROUS POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. SPECIFIC ITEMS IN THIS HANDBOOK WHICH WILL HAVE DIFFERENCES AS A RESULT ARE MARKED IN RED. THERE IS A SEPARATE SECTION IN THE BACK THAT DEALS WITH GENERAL COVID IMPACTED CHANGES.

INTRODUCTION

This Parent Handbook contains information about our program and serves as the manual for school policies. The information herein offers guidance related to our general standards and expectations, and when adhered to by our parents, will promote a safe, meaningful and optimal learning experience for our students.

PROGRAM HOURS

- Monday-Thursday: 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Friday Dismissal: 1:45 P.M.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Due to Covid-19, there will not be any birthday parties on campus until further notice.

BITING POLICY

In an early childhood setting we understand that on occasion biting does occur; however, biting can be harmful and frightening to the children involved. We have therefore created a clear policy for dealing with such an occurrence to keep all of our students safe.

When a biting incident occurs we are very clear, firm and calm when dealing with the children.

1. First aid is given to the bite.
2. The child who bites, is removed from the situation and spoken to so that he/she understands that biting is unacceptable. If the child is in Pre-K or Kindergarten and has another biting incident that day (or week), parents will be asked to pick up the child for the remainder of the day.
3. Parents of both children are contacted. Names of the children are not shared with either parent.

BUS

Daily transportation to and from Hollywood and Miami Beach is available. Contact the school office for further information.

CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please inform the office immediately if your address, phone number or e-mail address changes during the school year (especially your cell phone number). It is of utmost importance for the school to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

CHILDREN'S DRESS CODE

All boys need to wear tzitzis, a yarmulke and shirts with sleeves. Girls in our kindergarten classes need to wear skirts, blouses or dresses with sleeves. Please dress your children in comfortable clothing that they are able to manage themselves and need not worry about keeping spotless. Please send your child in sneakers. Do not send your child to school in open toe sandals, slippers, Crocs or flip-flops. Please label all articles of clothing with your child's full name including, yarmulkes, tzitzis, sweaters, raincoats and jackets.

COMMUNICATION

An essential component to successful child education is effective communication with parents. We have set up three formal opportunities for parents to speak with the teachers:

1. Back to School Night – Monday, August 31st (**THIS WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON ZOOM**)
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 10th and 17th
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences – April 13th and 20th

In addition, parents are encouraged to contact the school directly throughout the year for any matter related to their child's progress, safety, development or any other concern. Teachers cannot answer phone calls during school hours; however, the school secretary will gladly take messages for the teachers who will then return the call by the end of the following school day. Teachers are also available via email and you will be notified of your teacher's email address. To keep the parents informed regularly, we distribute a School Newsletter each Friday, containing information related to school activities. They will be sent home with your child and are also available on the school website. Please let us know when there is a *simcha* in your immediate family, so that we can include it in our newsletter.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

We use positive child disciplinary methods to assist children with self-control and self-discipline. Rules are respectfully and clearly articulated and consistently implemented in a fair manner. Logical consequences will be employed when necessary. Clear communication with parents along with parent involvement and support are also vital in encouraging our students to live up to their full potential. We have a School Psychologist on staff to help children with social, emotional and behavioral issues. Children may be referred to the School Psychologist by the Administration, and parents may be called in to discuss the issues and support the process.

DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

Drop-off in the morning starts at 8:15 A.M. and runs until 8:35 A.M.

A.M. and P.M. carpool takes place in and through the parking lot. Children are not to be dropped off or picked up on 11th Avenue during carpool times. When arriving for carpool, all vehicles are

to get in line behind the last car and drivers are to pay attention to instructions from school personnel. Temperatures of the children will be taken by school personnel before the children exit the car. Once the children are cleared to come into school and leave the car, parents should ensure that the children exit their vehicles swiftly and toward the sidewalk. Parents should depart immediately after the children safely exit their vehicle to make room for others in the carpool line. ****PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS ARE NOT TO BE ON CAMPUS OTHER THAN IN THEIR CAR ON THE CARPOOL LINE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Teachers will be available to assist the children from their cars in the morning at the front of the carpool line. **After 8:35 A.M. parents must ask Security for assistance. A staff member will be sent to the gate to take temperatures, have you sign in and escort the children in.**

Our program starts promptly at 8:35 A.M. Please plan to arrive by this time so as to provide your child the time and opportunity to engage in our center activities, which are an integral part of the early childhood curriculum.

Afternoon dismissal is called by carpool number. As soon as your afternoon carpool arrangements are finalized (prior to the start of the school year), please inform the school of your arrangements by either calling the school office at 305-947-4007 or sending an e-mail to broth@ytcte.org. Once we have this information, you will then be assigned a carpool number. Please make sure to post this number in a visible position on your front windshield, so that the teachers calling carpool can see it easily and keep the line running efficiently. When you arrive to pick up your child, line up in the carpool line, stay with your car and assist the teachers in placing the children in your car. **Please do not talk on your cellphone during carpool. Securing the children with seat belts or in car seats is the responsibility of the carpool driver.** When assisting multiple children with their seatbelts, please move to the front of the line to make room for other parents.

All carpools must arrive at school for the afternoon pick-up by 3:15 P.M. Monday through Thursday and by 2:00 P.M. on Friday. It is an unfair burden on the children, who are anxious to leave school and go home after a long day. Accordingly, the school has instituted a system of fines to be levied on carpool drivers in the event they arrive late. The fines are administered as follows:

<u>Monday – Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
After 3:15 – \$5.00	After 2:00 – \$5.00
3:25 – \$10.00	2:10 – \$10.00
3:35 – \$15.00	2:20 – \$15.00

The fines continue at this rate – \$5.00 for each ten minute increment. There will be ample warning before the fines begin, but parents need to realize that by coming late they inconvenience school staff, and jeopardize their child's safety. It is the carpool parents' responsibility to remember whose day it is to drive, and to be on time.

You are responsible for arranging alternate rides for your children (and the children in your carpool) in the event you are unable to pick up your carpool. The school office is unable to make these arrangements for you.

If your child will be going to a house other than his/her own, or if you are changing your child's carpool arrangements, please send an e-mail or call the school office no later than 1:30 P.M. All drivers involved in the carpool must be informed of the change of arrangements by the parent. **No child will be allowed in another car unless the school has received an e-mail or a call from that child's parent.** The school cannot be responsible for last minute changes in carpool arrangements. This is often distressing to the child and creates a lot of unnecessary confusion at dismissal time.

EXTENDED CARE HOURS

Due to Covid concerns, parents are asked to arrive at the scheduled carpool time 8:15 A.M. - 8:35 A.M. so that the children can get their temperatures taken and go straight to their own classroom and not mix with any other children. If absolutely necessary to drop off your children before 8:15 A.M. then, there will be a Morah who will keep the children seated in a separate area until they can enter the classroom at 8:15 A.M.. No children may be dropped off before 8:00 A.M.

Aftercare: Monday – Thursday until 4:00 P.M.
 Friday until 2:15 P.M.

Arrangements for Aftercare should be coordinated through the Early Childhood office. There is an additional fee for Aftercare. Parents must contact the financial office to make payment arrangements.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of each family to keep current with the financial obligation agreed upon with the school. Admission to class at the beginning of the school year is contingent upon finalizing tuition arrangements and timely payment of fees and tuition.

Unpaid tuition is grounds for expulsion from Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes.

Any family with outstanding obligations during or at the end of the school year, including, but not limited to: tuition, fees, and lost book fees, may not receive report cards or achievement test scores. Timely payment of obligations helps ensure a more productive and efficient program for your child.

HEALTH PORTAL

In cases of emergency, parents will be notified immediately. It is the responsibility of each parent to fill out the emergency information properly and keep the information up to date with the school office, so that, if necessary, we may be able to contact the parents at once. School wide emergency situations and instructions will be communicated via text, whatsapp and/or email.

School policy prohibits the faculty or staff from administering oral medication to any student without parental permission.

Before school starts every student must have the health portal completely filled out, with up to date emergency contacts, medical history, medical protocols, including but not limited to medical conditions, allergies and administration of medicine directives, consent to treat and signatures, etc. including the most up to date immunization forms and doctor checkups for each and every child. These forms must be completed before the school year begins on August 26th. Florida state law mandates each student to have a completed and submitted medical portfolio with all required forms.

Be reminded that only valid medical exemptions from childhood vaccinations will be accepted. Religious exemptions are not acceptable for any required immunization.

Before school starts every parent must sign and return the following affirmation to allow their child to attend school on campus:

I hereby attest that I (we) will:

- Monitor our child(ren)'s health each morning and not send any child to school (or onto the school bus) if showing any symptoms. (see below)
- Inform the school and not send the child to school if the child or anyone in the family is symptomatic, is awaiting a test result, or tested positive for Covid-19.
- In any case of exposure or possible exposure, to inform the school immediately
- To abide by the school's decisions to quarantine and send a child home.
- If called by school to pick up my child, I will arrange to have him/her picked up in a timely manner.
- I (we) understand that there is a risk involved in our child(ren) attending school during the Covid-19 pandemic and agree to hold the school harmless in the event a child contracts Covid-19 as a result of attending school.

If the child is showing any of the following symptoms, they may not attend school and the school must be informed:

Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

Parent Signature: _____

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**HEALTH/ILLNESS (PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 AT THE END)**

In order to keep your child healthy and reduce the risk of spreading contagious diseases we ask that you adhere to the following policies:

1. Do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (over 100 degrees)
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Discharge of the eyes or ears
- Heavy nasal discharge
- Persistent cough
- Unidentified rash

Children who develop these symptoms while at school will be brought to the office by a staff member. The parents will be notified to pick up the child. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached the person(s) designated as the emergency contact on the child's record will be contacted. It is the responsibility of each parent to fill out the emergency information properly and keep the information up to date with the school office, so that, if necessary, we may be able to contact the parents at once. Emergency contacts should be local so that in case of an emergency, they are present and available. The child will remain in the office until a parent or other designated individual arrives. Children must be free of symptoms and fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If you wish for your child to return sooner, you must present a doctor's note stating they are not contagious and in good health to return to school.

2. Please notify the school at once if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease.

The following are examples of some contagious diseases:

- Ringworm
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Lice
- Scabies
- Coxsackie virus
- Chicken pox
- Diarrhea
- Strep throat

Please keep your child home if he/she develops any symptoms of contagious diseases. Children with contagious illnesses should be cared for at home until a doctor verifies that it is safe for them to return to school and they are no longer contagious.

### **LICE POLICY**

**\*\*Due to Covid-19, lice check will be conducted in school, a few days after the start of the school year.**

The recurrent problem of lice and nits in children's hair requires constant attention. School policy is to isolate and immediately send home any child found with lice or nits. That child may return only after appropriate treatment has been given and are determined lice free. It is the responsibility of the parent to keep a child with lice or nits out of school to prevent other children from getting lice and to spare their own child the embarrassment of being separated from their classmates. The problem seems to be particularly acute following vacation periods and therefore all parents are required to check their children's heads and treat accordingly before the school year begins and after extended vacations from school. The school will conduct a check prior to the beginning of the year and periodically thereafter.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please be sure to label all clothing items sent to school. All items not labeled will be collected and stored in the office. On the first of each month, all collected items will be sent to the gemach.

### **LUNCH**

1. Children should bring a lunch to school each day, unless they are signed up for hot lunch. Please be sure to send in a drink with your child, even if they receive hot lunch. Please send an additional snack for the afternoon.
2. All lunchboxes should be clearly labeled with your child's name.
3. All laws of *kashrus* must be carefully observed.
4. All lunches must be nut free. **Nuts and nut products are not allowed in the classrooms.**
5. Please do not send grapes, popcorn, carrots, hot dogs or hard candies because they are a choking hazard.
6. Children are not allowed to share their lunches with other children in the class. Please remind your child not to share their lunch with others.
7. Hot lunches and pizza may be ordered online. The lunches are fleishig on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please do not send dairy snacks on the days the lunch is fleishig.

## **MEDICATION**

The secretary will not administer prescription medication to a child without written permission from a parent or legal guardian and physician. Prescription medication, including Epi pens must be accompanied by precise written instructions from a doctor. The child's name must be typed on the original label of any prescription and be for the sole use of that child. The secretary will dispense medication according to instructions on the label (prescription or over the counter). Medication should be brought to the ECE office in the original container and given to staff directly. Children should not transport medication at any time. At no time should medication be packed in a backpack, lunchbox, food container or any other transport device.

**Epi pens must come with the original updated prescription. Any Student who needs an Epi pen must have two non-expired Epi pens on hand in the office at all times, and Benadryl if needed. Both Epi pens and Benadryl require written permission from a parent/guardian and a physician.**

## **NUT FREE POLICY**

As a number of the children in the Early Childhood Program have severe allergies to nuts, **no food items containing even traces of peanuts, tree nuts or nut oils will be permitted.**

## **PTA**

Our active Parents' Association serves an important supportive role in enhancing the children's educational and social well-being. You are urged to get involved. Contact [pta@ytcte.org](mailto:pta@ytcte.org)

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

In the event of an emergency of any kind, parents will be notified as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of each parent to fill out the emergency information section on school forms properly and keep the information up to date with the school office. School-wide emergency situations will be communicated via text messaging.

Fire drills and evacuation drills are conducted periodically to make certain our children can vacate the building safely and rapidly.

Lockdown drills are conducted periodically to ensure our children's safety in the unlikely event of a security breach.

All access gates are locked 24/7 (other than the walk-in gate by the boys' building during AM carpool). Each family is furnished a transponder for their vehicle's entry into the school parking lot/carpool line. To gain access through the walking gates, press the buzzer and wait to be granted access.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS ARE NOT TO BE ON CAMPUS OTHER THAN IN THEIR CAR ON THE CARPOOL LINE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### **SIGNING IN / SIGNING OUT**

If arriving late to school (after 8:35 A.M.) see procedure above, detailed in the Drop-off and Pick-up section. For early dismissal, notify the office in advance. When arriving at school, proceed to the carpool line and ask Security to call the ECE office to dismiss your child. Your child will be escorted to your car and you will sign your child out at that time.

### **SNACKS**

Snacks will be served in the morning to all pre-school children. They will consist of a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals, crackers, pretzels and water. Parents are responsible to send in a healthy afternoon snack for their child/children. Please remember not to send in any products containing nuts. Parents are also asked to send in an extra snack if your child/children will be staying in aftercare or clubs.

### **TOILET TRAINING POLICY**

Children must be completely toilet trained prior to enrollment in our school (including the 3 year old classroom). The child should be in cloth underwear and not in diapers, pull-ups, or training pants. Children are expected to use the toilets and clean up properly without assistance from teachers or teacher assistants. Assistance with hand washing reminders and clothing fastening will be given as necessary. In the event the child is found not to be fully toilet trained as indicated by 2 or more "accidents" (inability to reach the toilet on time, wetting or soiling undergarments) in one day/week, he/she will be asked to stay home to work towards readiness. A notice will be given to the parents before this action takes place. The child may return to school when complete toilet training is achieved. Soiled garments will be placed directly in a Ziploc bag, to be sent home. Please be sure to send back a clean pair of clothing to school the following day.

### **TOYS FROM HOME**

Please do not send any toys to the program as they might break or get misplaced. We provide a wide variety of materials for children to play with. In the event a child brings a toy or other personal belonging to school, the school assumes no responsibility if the item is lost or damaged.

### **VISITOR ATTIRE**

A Yeshiva has the inherent holiness of a Torah Institution. Therefore, parents and all visitors, including childcare providers, whether they enter the building or wait outside, need to come dressed in a respectful manner, in accordance with the tznius (modesty) standards of the Yeshiva. Parents must take responsibility for the dress of their child's caretakers and

babysitters when sending them to school. Women should wear dresses or skirts and blouses with sleeves. Men should wear a yarmulka.

Similarly, all adults accompanying classes on trips need to represent the standards of the Yeshiva and dress with modesty. Women should wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee, blouses that cover the collar bone and sleeves that cover the elbow. All garments should not be form fitting or tight. Men should wear long pants and a yarmulke or head covering.

### **VISITING AND PARKING**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO VISITORS, INCLUDING PARENTS, ALLOWED ON CAMPUS, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** When picking up or dropping off a student during the school day, enter the parking lot and park where directed by the security guard. Cars and especially vans should not be parked near the school buildings on N.E. 11th Avenue as they block passing drivers' visibility, creating a hazard for students and teachers crossing the street. With ongoing security concerns, this remains a critical issue – cars should not be parked in front of either school building between 7:30AM and 5:30PM on school days.

### **VPK**

In order to receive VPK funding, as stated on your tuition contract, all parents with a child in VPK are required to sign VPK attendance papers. Failure to comply will result in the month's VPK credit to be forfeited and will be added to your TADS payment or obligation. Due to Covid restrictions, school personnel will be present on the carpool line for two mornings and two afternoons during the first week of each month to gather the signatures. If you will not be coming to school on those days, the paperwork can be scanned, emailed and returned.

### **WEATHER-RELATED CLOSINGS AND EMERGENCIES**

In the event of an impending storm, the administration will decide on canceling school on a case by case basis. There will be no school if a hurricane warning is in effect in Miami-Dade County. For any other set of circumstances or other emergencies, parents are encouraged to visit our website [www.ytcte.org](http://www.ytcte.org) and click on their child's division, or call the YTCTE Automated Information Line - 305-209-0495 for a message regarding schedule changes and school closures. This number is designed to work even if there is no power in the Yeshiva.

In addition, a text or whatsapp message will be sent directly to your cell phone, conditions permitting. Check for an email message as well.

After a school closure, the campus must be thoroughly inspected and electrical power must be restored before reopening. Information about resumption of classes will be made available through the website, and where possible, calls will be made and texts, whatsapp messages and e-mails will be sent.

In a situation where the school opens, please exercise good judgment and common sense. If you feel travel is not safe in your immediate area, or there are other safety concerns, act accordingly.

In the event of a sudden tornado or severe weather warning during the school day, the students will be moved to the auditorium if deemed necessary for safety. **\*\*During the Covid-19 epidemic, everyone will shelter in place.**

If it becomes necessary to evacuate and send the children home, we will need to contact you. It is therefore imperative that you keep the school current as soon as you change a phone number or e-mail address.

### **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 CHANGES FOR THE 2020 – 21 SCHOOL YEAR**

School will be conducted on campus in accordance with guidance from the school's Medical Advisory Committee and subject to governmental regulations currently in force for our area. To accommodate those who cannot or choose not to attend in person, live classroom lessons will be made available remotely through zoom. Staff and students who have any symptoms of illness or are required to quarantine due to exposure to the covid virus are not allowed on campus during those times.

All staff must wear a mask, covering the mouth and nose, at all times, even when indoors, except when eating, until further notice.

All students must wear a mask walking to and from their classrooms.

Temperature of staff and students will be taken daily, upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, will be sent home.

All staff and students are required to hand sanitize whenever entering or leaving the classroom or bathroom. Frequent hand washing with soap is most effective and will be encouraged.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Children who show symptoms of illness or have been exposed to someone in the past 14 days who is Covid-19 Positive, may not attend school.

To be permitted to attend school on-campus, parents will be required to sign a statement before the beginning of the school year attesting to the fact that:

- Parents will monitor their children's health each morning and not send the child to school (or onto the school bus) if showing any symptoms. (see below)

- Parents will inform the school if the child or anyone in the family is symptomatic, is awaiting a test result, or tested positive for Covid-19.
- In any case of exposure or possible exposure, the parent agrees to inform the school immediately
- Parents agree to abide by the school's decisions to quarantine and send a child home.
- Parents understand that there is a risk involved in their child attending school during the Covid-19 pandemic and agree to hold the school harmless in the event a child contracts Covid-19 as a result of attending school.

If the child is showing any of the following symptoms, they may not attend school and the school must be informed:

Fever (100.4 or higher), sore throat, a new, uncontrolled cough that causes shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough baseline), onset of severe headache, vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain.

### **COVID-19 POSITIVE (requirements current as of Aug. 13, 2020)**

If a child or family member either is showing symptoms, is awaiting covid-19 test results, tests positive for Covid-19, or is exposed to a Covid-19 positive person, at-home quarantine requirements will be implemented. The extent, duration and who is included will depend on the current conditions in S. Florida and the extent to which the child or adult has been exposed. If there is any question in a particular circumstance, the parents will abide by the decision of the school. Where covid testing is required for re-entry to school, the testing facility needs to be pre-approved by the school.

The length of the required quarantine depends:

A child or adult who tests positive and displays covid symptoms (symptomatic) quarantines for 10 days plus 24 hours fever free and a visible diminishing of symptoms. (can't be less than 10 days total) If fever or symptoms are present at the end of the 10 days, they must wait to return until they are 24 hours fever free and symptoms are diminishing. They may then be permitted back to school even without a negative covid test.

A child or adult who tests positive and does not display covid symptoms (asymptomatic) quarantines for 10 days. If they remain symptom and fever free, they may be permitted back to school at the end of 10 days even without a negative covid test.

A child or adult who tests positive and does not display covid symptoms (asymptomatic) quarantines for 10 days from the test date. If they develop covid symptoms during those 10 days, they need to quarantine for 10 days and be fever free 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, along with improvement of symptoms, to be permitted back to school.

A child or adult who is directly exposed to a covid positive person quarantines for 14 days. Initially, the classmates of the exposed child are considered indirectly exposed. The exposed child needs to be tested after waiting 3 days from exposure (after 1 day if also showing symptoms). The classmates may continue to attend school while the testing and test results are being awaited.

If the child tests positive then the class members are now considered to have been directly exposed and they quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the covid positive child. If a classmate develops covid symptoms during the 14 day quarantine period, they quarantine for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Once they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms are improving, they may return to school. If the child (who was originally directly exposed) tests negative, the child who had direct exposure continues a full 14 day quarantine.

Children on the same bus as a positive covid child may be considered directly exposed. Proximity to the positive child and mask wearing will be important factors in determining exposure. If there is any question, the school's medical advisor will decide on a case by case basis.

Any student who arrives or returns from out of the tri-county area of South Florida, is strongly encouraged to quarantine for 14 days, especially from places with elevated case numbers. Families are expected to follow any specific laws or executive orders. If a student has not been feeling well or if anyone in the family has either been exposed to someone who tested positive in the last 14 days or if anyone in the family has had any of the covid symptoms in the past 14 days it will be necessary to observe the quarantine requirements.

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

### NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY:

YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES A/K/A TORAS EMES ACADEMY OF MIAMI ADMITS ALL JEWISH STUDENTS OF ANY RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN. ALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY FASHION AS TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN.

ADMISSION TO YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES IS OPEN TO ANY STUDENT WHO DEMONSTRATES MINIMAL ACADEMIC ABILITY FOR THE AGE APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVEL. AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND INTERVIEW WITH THE PRINCIPAL ARE PART OF THE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE.

DISMISSAL FROM YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES IS THE FINAL STEP OF THE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM IN USE AT THE SCHOOL. A STUDENT WHO IS OVERLY DISRUPTIVE,

WHO IS A BAD INFLUENCE OVER THE OTHER STUDENTS, OR IS A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE OTHER STUDENTS, MAY BE EXPELLED TO PROTECT THE OTHER STUDENTS AND TO MAINTAIN YESHIVA TORAS CHAIM TORAS EMES AS A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO STUDY. FULL DUE-PROCESS RIGHTS FOR THE STUDENT AND PARENTS ARE GUARANTEED INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN OPEN HEARING AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE STUDENT'S POSITION. NON-PAYMENT OF TUITION IS ALSO GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION.

A STUDENT WHO FAILS TO MAINTAIN MINIMAL ACADEMIC PROGRESS WILL BE RE-ENROLLED WITH THE PROVISIO THAT HE/SHE EITHER BE RETAINED, PLACED IN A REMEDIATION PROGRAM, A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE PRINCIPAL.