



Ateres Bais Yaakov
Handbook

2024-2025

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Welcome to Ateres!

Set forth below is important information to help you get acquainted with the expectations we have for you and your daughters this year.

We look forward to an exciting beginning to our new year!

School Calendar and Schedule

A copy of the Ateres school calendar is included for your reference. Please post it in a convenient location and refer to it as needed. Please be sure to schedule family vacations and special events at times when they do not conflict with school in order to minimize the amount of schoolwork that your daughter(s) will miss and be responsible to make up.

Ateres Daily Schedule

Grade	Arrival	Dismissal	
		M-TH	Friday
Kindergarten	9:15 am	3:15 pm	1:00 pm
Pre1a - 8 th	9:15 am	4:10 pm	1:00 pm

The school day begins at 9:15 am. **No student will be admitted to the building prior to 9:00 am.**

Attendance

Punctual and regular attendance is critical for a successful school experience. Unless a student is ill, she should be brought to and picked up from school as scheduled. Parents are urged to arrange students' personal appointments at times that do not conflict with school hours and activities.

Children arriving late or leaving early must be checked in or out of school at the office. Advanced notice of alternative arrangements is appreciated.

Dismissal

For safety purposes, teachers will be instructed only to dismiss students via notification from the school secretary or a member of the administration. Parents who are picking up students in the middle of the school day should wait for their daughters to meet them at the office.

Please note, messages regarding changes in carpool or transportation must be called in at least one hour prior to dismissal.

Transportation

Parents whose children are transported to school by bus should acquaint themselves with the bus routes, which are found on your children's bus passes. Please be sure your child brings these passes to school at the start of the school year. Ateres does not receive advance details concerning the bus routes. Inquiries or requests concerning transportation should be made directly to the transportation office of the school district in which you reside.

Parents are reminded that the district prohibits students from switching buses without a prearranged temporary pass. Ateres is not authorized to make these arrangements. Please contact the school district transportation office.



School District Contact Information

East Ramapo	845-577-6490
Suffern Central	845-357-7783
North Rockland/Haverstraw	845-429-3407
Clarkstown	845-639-6380

Office Hours and Communication

The Ateres office phone number is **845-368-2200**. The school's address is **200 Summit Park Road, New Hempstead, NY 10977** and its email address is **office@ateres.org**.

The office will be open 9:00 am – 4:45 pm, Monday – Thursday, and until 1:15 pm on Friday. Messages can be left after hours on the school's voice mail system.

If you would like to speak to Rabbi Teichman, he can be reached at:

Phone number: 845-368-2200 ext. 160 Email: rabbiteichman@ateres.org

If you would like to speak to Mrs. Berkowitz, she can be reached at:

Phone number: 845-368-2200 ext. 110 Email: aberkowitz@ateres.org

If you would like to speak to Mrs. Wachsler, she can be reached at:

Phone number: 845-368-2200 ext. 118 Email: ewachsler@ateres.org

Visitors

The success of Ateres lies in the cooperation of the school/home alliance. *Chinuch* is most effective when messages are consistent at home and at school. If a parent visitation is required, all mothers and fathers should be sure to come to school dressed in a manner consistent with tznius standards.

Administrative staff will approach visitors who are non-compliant (which is both uncomfortable and embarrassing and should not be necessary).

- Women are welcome in couture which covers the knees, elbows and collarbones. Outfits should be easily described as “Bais Yaakov” appropriate.
- Men too are expected to visit in attire which is at least considered “business casual” and would be appropriate in the shul setting as befits a makom Torah.

Both parents and moros are seen as critical role model to our talmidos and we appreciate your cooperation in dressing in accordance with both the *letter and spirit of halacha*.

Field Trips

Hands-on experiential learning is best complemented with field trips to places of educational insight and application. We look forward to your daughters' participation.

Her registration as a student at Ateres is considered your full permission to participate in all school trips.

Media and Internet

1. Ateres students grades K-8 may not have smart watches, cell phones, ipods or video devices in school or on the bus. Students who are found to be using devices in violation of this standard will have them confiscated.
2. Internet access must be carefully monitored. No child should be exposed to unrestricted/unfiltered internet at home. Parents should adopt the policy of *yichud* with regards to on-line access. That is, no child should ever be left unsupervised with an internet-accessible device. All devices should be located in public areas of the house and have filters installed. NO student may have open, unrestricted access to the internet via computer, tablet, cell phone and ipod devices.
3. Smartphones should be appropriately filtered to enable safe use. The local Technology Awareness Group (TAG) Office can install these safe guards for you at their office. TAG can be reached at 845-371-1824.
4. When inviting classmates over, parents should not expose other children to any form of media (i.e. videos) without getting their parents' approval.

Kashrus

All foods brought into school must have a recommended kashrus symbol. For a list of recommended symbols, please visit <https://consumer.crckosher.org/acceptable-kashrus-agencies/>.

For a recommended list of kosher establishments in Monsey, please visit <https://www.rocklandkashrus.com/>.

All foods brought into the Ateres building must be *Cholov Yisrael*.

Parents may send food baked in their own home provided that all ingredients used have a recommended kosher symbol.

Food Deliveries

Students may not receive food deliveries from food establishments during school hours.

Parents who need to drop off lunch for their daughters are asked to bring home made food only.

Nut-Free

Ateres Bais Yaakov is a nut free school. Please be aware that there are students at Ateres with severe, life threatening (anaphylactic) air borne allergies to peanuts and tree nuts.

Look out for: peanuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, almonds, pistachios, cashews, pecans, macadamia, chestnuts, pine nuts, brazil nuts.

Please note: many products mix chocolate and hazelnut such as Nutella, hazelnut filled wafers and more.

It is important that we work together to ensure the safety of these students during the

Pre-School Dress Code

Girls in grades Kindergarten and Pre1a must wear:

- skirts to the knee
- shirts with sleeves
- sock must be worn daily

Dress Code

All items, except those specifically noted, must be purchased exclusively at the
Uniform Headquarters

18 College Road, Monsey, NY

Grades 1-4	
Light blue long sleeve uniform polo	Item may also be bought at Children's Place, Old Navy or Target- no brand logos are acceptable
White long sleeve uniform polo	For special occasions (i.e. Rosh Chodesh, plays and siyum)
Grey pleated skirt	2 inches below knee
Grey pleated jumper	2 inches below knee
Knit V neck with Ateres logo only	Burgundy and navy
Velour V neck with Ateres logo only	Grey, navy and black
Velour hoodie zip up with Ateres logo only	Black
Nail polish may not be worn	
Grades 5-8	
Light blue oxford blouse with Ateres logo	
Grey pleated skirt	2 inches below knee
Knit V neck with Ateres logo only	Burgundy and navy
Velour V neck with Ateres logo only	Grey, navy or black
Velour hoodie zip up with Ateres logo only	Black
Legwear- knee socks or tights	No words or pictures, no visible leggings
Nail polish may not be worn	

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September

- 3 Staff Development Day
Nit-Checking 11:00-3:00
- 4 First Day of School
Preschool Orientation
- 5 First Day of Preschool
- 11 Back to School Night ES & JH

October

- 2-4 Rosh Hashanah—No Sessions
- 11 Erev Yom Kippur—No Sessions
- 15-25 Sukkos Break—No Sessions
- 28 Sessions Resume

November

- 11 Veteran's Day – Regular Sessions
No ER and SC Transportation
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 28-29 Thanksgiving - No Sessions

December

- 2 Sessions Resume
- 25 Regular Sessions
No ER and SC Transportation
- 26-30 Chanukah Vacation
- 31 Session Resume

January

- 1 Regular Sessions
No ER and SC Transportation
- 10 Asarah B'Teves — No Sessions
- 20 MLK JR Day – Regular Sessions
No ER and SC Transportation
- 29–31 Midwinter Break -- No Sessions

February

- 1-4 Midwinter Break -- No Sessions
- 5 Sessions Resume
- 17 Presidents Day—No Sessions,
Staff Development Day

March

- 13-14 Taanis Esther/Purim/Shushan Purim –
No Sessions
- 17 Sessions Resume

April

- 7-21 ES/JH Pesach Vacation
- 22 Sessions Resume

May

- 26 Memorial Day - No Sessions

June

- 2-3 Shavous - No Sessions
- 4 Session Resumes
- 12 Graduation
- 18 Last Day of Sessions– 1:00 Dismissal

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Key

☐ = School closed	☺ = First Day of School / Sessions Resume
🚫 = No Transportation	☾ ☿ = Early Dismissal

September 3, 2025 - First day of school