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The yellow school buses roll by, and the crisp pleats swishing along with the tip-tap of shiny school shoes herald a brand-new school year.

Let's have a look at the stripes, the plaids and the solids that make up our town's uniform scene. When you see the schoolgirls walking by, knapsacks hitched upon their shoulders, you'll know just which fine educational institution they're headed to!

IN PLAIDS, PINSTRIPES AND PLEATS

Yeshiva of Spring Valley



Bais Yaakov Chofetz Chaim



Bnos Zion d'Bobov



Bnos Sanz



Bnos Chana Vien



Bnos Binah Munkatch





Ateres Bais Yaakov Ateres Bais Yaakov Grades 1 to 4 Grades 5 to 8









Bnos Esther Pupa

Elementary



Ohel Blima Rochel D'Bobov



Ohel Blima Rochel D'Bobov



Bnos Esther Pupa

High School



Ohel Blima Rochel D'Bobov



Bnos Yisroel Viznitz



Bnos Yisroel Viznitz



Sanz Klausenberg

Elementary



Bnos Derech Yisroel



Bnos Derech Yisroel



Sanz Klausenberg



Bais Rochel

Pre-1A



Bais Rochel



Bais Rochel

High School



Bais Malka Belz

Elementary



Bais Shifra Miriam

Grades 1 to 3



Bais Shifra Miriam



Bais Malka Belz



Bais Shifra Miriam



Bais Rochel



Bais Rochel

Grade 6 to 8



Bais Trany Skver

Elementary



Ateres Bonois

Elementary option 1



Bais Trany Skver

High School



Ateres Bonois

High School



Ateres Bonois



Satmar Bais Ruchel

Elementary option 1



Satmar Bais Ruchel

Elementary option 2



Satmar Bais Ruchel

High School



Pe'er Bais Yaakov



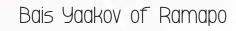
Bais Yaakov D'Rav Hirsch



Bais Yaakov of Monsey



Monsey Bais Chaya Mushka





Shiras Miriam



Bais Chinuch Gevoah



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Bas Yisroel



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Uniform Headquarters answers the questions mothers of girls ask each year.

Should I bring my daughter along to shop for uniforms?

Yes, please do, and if she's a harder-to-fit size, it is especially important to do so. Uniform shopping — unlike standard clothes shopping, where going up a size means a longer skirt, too — is a customized experience. Skirts are available in custom lengths and widths; both are taken into consideration for a custom fit so every schoolgirl can look her very best.

Beat the Crowds

Especially if uniform shopping for you is not an in-and-out ordeal — whether you have a number of girls or the fitting needs careful consideration — here's the trick for dressing them with no stress: Come before the crowds. Take your kids out of day camp during the day so that you don't have to contend with the bottleneck traffic the *erev* school season brings. Avoid the noise of multitudes of children who just can't be left behind for this trip. You might just be surprised at how pleasant uniform shopping can be.

Wear and Care

Heat will undo the pleats instantly, so take care to wash your skirts only on a cold, delicate cycle, and never put them in the dryer. And every few washes, when the pleats can use some sharpening, there generally is no need for complicated procedures like pinning or sewing down the pleats. Put a soft fabric over the skirt (direct ironing will make the fabric shiny), and press down several pleats at a time while applying steam.

Cotton sweaters should be washed with a delicate detergent like Woolite to prevent fading. Acrylic sweaters will not fade from washing (with the exception of when in contact with bleach).

New for 5782

Bais Yaakov of Ramapo's metallic silver logo on the collar and sweater arm is being introduced this year.

Satmar high school is opening their first class, and introducing new uniform shirts to the Monsey scene: lavender striped shirts and blue striped shirts.

Bais Chinuch Gevoah is adding a logo to their sweater.

The Littlest Uniform Wearers

Students of Bais Rochel, Yeshiva of Spring Valley, Bas Mikroh, Bais Yaakov Chofetz Chaim, Bais Yaakov Elementary, Bnos Binah Munkatch, Bais Ruchel Satmar, Bnos Derech Yisroel and Kesser Bais Yaakov all start wearing uniforms in Pre-1A.

An Echo of the Past

Bnos Yisroel Viznitz Elementary phased out their plaid uniform (which was very similar to Bais Trany's plaid). In the early days, the girls would wear it with yellow shirts, and later with navy shirts.

Cheder Chabad and Bais Malka Belz Elementary phased out their plaid uniforms (they had the same plaid), and currently have only solids (Cheder Chabad) and striped shirts (Belz) in their dress code.

Bnos Esther Pupa Elementary phased out their checked uniform shirts and navy pleated skirts.



The Stats of the Skirts and Shirts

The best-selling shirt:

light-blue oxford

Followed by the **light-blue-and-white pin-stripe** shirt

The most popular skirt: **navy pleated**

Followed pretty closely by **gray pleated**