

Yeshiva High School of Arizona

Required Seforim List 2026-2027

All Gemaras and Neviim (not Chumashim sets) will be available for purchase in Yeshiva. We will be ordering the ש"ס ווילנא החדש or the עוז והדר edition. If you would like a different type, you are free to purchase on your own.

GEMARA IYUN:

- All Grades - מסכת קידושין - Regular Edition, not Student/Talmidim Edition
- Rabbi Zagelbaum's Shiur – קובץ מפרשים על קידושין
- All Grades – Notebook or binder for notes, pens, pencils

GEMARA BEKIUS:

- 9th and 10th - מסכת מגילה
- Rabbi Gewirtz and Rabbi Zagelbaum's Shiurim - מסכת ברכות
- Rabbi Wohlgernter's Shiur - מסכת מכות

NIGHT CHABURAH:

- Some Chaburah's will be learning מסכת קידושין and some will be learning מסכת חגיגה

NAVI:

- 9th Grade – Yehoshua/Shoftim and חמש מגילות
- 10th Grade – Shmuel 1
- 12th Grade - חמש מגילות

CHUMASH:

Bochurim are expected to independently learn each week Parshas HaShavuah, Chumash and Rashi. There is a written exam each Sunday. Metsudah slipcased set- Student edition or Artsroll Sapperstein Rashi set – Student edition.



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General Studies Supplies List
2026-2027

All Grades:

1. Calculator
2. Transparent Ruler
3. 5" Quadrille graph paper – 2 pkgs.
4. Pens
5. Mechanical Pencils
6. Lined Paper
7. Notebook
8. 1" Binder with 4 folders
9. White-Out

11th and 12th Grade:

1. Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-84 Scientific Calculator



Cell Phone Policy 2026-2027

CELL PHONES/DEVICES/COMPUTERS

- No student of Mesivta of Phoenix is permitted to own a standard smartphone/tablet even if it is filtered and even if it is not brought to school. This includes a 'Kosher Smartphone'.
- This also includes any device with viewing and internet capability including smartwatches.
- **Only a basic flip phone (talk and text only as approved by TAG*) is permitted.** They must be purchased from either one of the following Kosher cell phone websites or directly from our local TAG office.
 - o Kosheros.org
 - o Koshercell.org
 - o Sunbeamwireless.com
 - o Fig Phone
 - o *TAG Arizona (contact Rabbi Tesser at 480-369-5988 or Rabbi Yankelwitz 973-572-9997)

If a student would like to bring his cell phone to Yeshiva the following rules apply:

1. Students may bring basic Kosher flip phones purchased from one of the above websites, from TAG, or filtered by TAG. No Smartphones may be brought to Yeshiva.

2. Students may bring the above-permitted phones to school if they hand them in immediately upon arrival (before Shacharis) and pick them up after dismissal.

- Computers/Tablets at home must be properly filtered/supervised. This means:
 1. Any personal computer or tablet of a student must have a yeshiva approved filter
 2. Parents must assume responsibility that any family device that the student uses or has access to must be either supervised or on a filtered device.

A cell phone/computer verification form signed by a parent and the student must be handed in before the start of school.

The Mesivta has experimented for several years in developing a policy regarding Smartphones. It is very clear that these phones are at best a terrible distraction during the teenage years. At worst, they are the source of grave social ills, addiction, and exposure to an immoral world of perverted values. Whatever benefits or convenience can be associated with these phones in the teenage years are far outweighed by the shortcomings and dangers.

Parental Cooperation: We expect and assume total parental cooperation. We cannot do this without parental cooperation – and courage! Certainly, never be impressed by “but everyone does it” – this is never true. Thank you.



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Daily Schedule 2026-2027



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
7:30 - 8:20	Shacharis					8:00 - 8:45
8:20 - 9:00	Breakfast					8:45 - 9:20
9:00 - 12:10	Morning Seder					9:20 - 12:10
12:10 - 12:55	Lunch					
12:55 - 1:40	Afternoon Class				12:55-2:00	12:55 - 1:40
1:40 - 1:55	Mincha					Mincha
1:55 - 5:45	General Studies					
7:15 - 8:15	Night Seder					
7:15-8:15		Night Chaburah				Night Chaburah
8:15	Maariv					Maariv

8:45	Chazara Seder
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Chazara Seder

Mesivta of Phoenix Special Events 2026-2027

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| • School Pictures | August 31 st |
| • Simchas Beis Hasheova at the Goetz's | ? |
| • Simchas Torah Dancing and Gala Kiddush | October 4 th |
| • Parent Teacher Conferences | November 10 th |
| • Chanuka Mesiba by Rebbeim | December 7 th |
| • Chanuka Mesiba in Yeshiva | December 10 th |
| • V'Shachanti B'Sochom Trip | TBA |
| • Prospective 8 th grade Students Open House | February 9 th |
| • Mesivta Bike-a-Thon | February 14 th |
| • Jackpot Ranch Retreat | March 31 st – April 1 st |
| • PSAT and SAT Exams all grades | May 10 th -13 th |
| • Shavuos | June 11 th -12 th |
| • End of Year Siyum Dinner | June 15 th |

All times and events are subject to change





STUDENT HANDBOOK

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2026-2027

Dear Parents and Talmidim,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you [back] to the Mesivta of Phoenix. We view the Mesivta as a *makom Torah*, a place of true striving and growth. It is our goal to facilitate the spiritual, personal, and academic growth of your son; as such, the Mesivta is committed to establishing and maintaining a standard of excellence in both Torah and General Studies. In keeping with this philosophy, Mesivta of Phoenix offers a full, balanced schedule, meeting the varied talents and needs of our talmidim.

To best meet these goals, there are basic expectations in which talmidim of Mesivta of Phoenix are to conduct themselves. Please read this handbook as a reference for these guidelines and expectations. In each case, these guidelines serve the purpose of preserving the environment and atmosphere for genuine growth in Torah, Middos and Academic excellence. Talmidim and their parents are asked to review the enclosed guidelines together and sign that you have read the Handbook on the Admissions Checklist.

We are extremely excited by the unique contributions that each and every one of our talmidim make to the Mesivta and look forward to a year of genuine growth together.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gavriel Goetz

Rabbi Yossie Semel

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Mesivta of Phoenix's academic program in both Torah Studies and General Studies aims to engage and challenge the student; its focus is on the progress of individual talmidim. Both curriculums will prepare the student for acceptance at national and international institutions of higher learning.

As the hallmark of a true Ben Torah, proper character development is essential to the growth of each of our talmidim.

Talmidim of the Mesivta are expected to behave in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, on our Mesivta, and all of Klal Yisroel. Whether in Mesivta, at Mesivta programs or events, and even while engaged in personal activities, our Mesivta expects that the conduct of our talmidim will identify them as growing Bnei Torah of the highest standards.

Please realize that these rules are general guidelines only. The Mesivta's administration reserves the right to deal with specific situations as it sees fit on a case-by-case basis.

At any appropriate time, talmidim and their parents are encouraged to come forward and discuss questions or issues that arise with the Mesivta's faculty. An open and understanding relationship between the Mesivta, its talmidim and their parents will allow for maximum clarity and success.

MESIVTA OF PHOENIX STANDARDS

At Mesivta of Phoenix, talmidim have the opportunity to grow in Torah and Middos. This growth will be achieved through four important principles.

1. Talmidim will be inspired to grow in their relationship with Hashem, including davening, learning and how they conduct themselves throughout the day.
2. Talmidim will learn the value of being prepared and responsible for their class work, homework, daily schedules, and communications with rebbeim and teachers.
3. Talmidim will learn the value of dedication and diligence.
4. Talmidim will learn the value of being respectful. They will gain respect for rebbeim and teachers, as well as friends and all members of the community.

Promptness

Talmidim are expected to be prompt to Tefilos and classes, and any other scheduled activities.

A. Tefilah

Tefilah is a gift from Hashem. Davening with the Mesivta is an integral part of the Mesivta. We daven at 7:30 am promptly. There is a weekly Honor Roll for talmidim with a 90% on-time record. Mincha is daily at 1:40pm. Maariv will follow all evening sedorim at 8:15pm.

B. Classes

Talmidim are responsible to be in class on time and ready to learn. A student who is present at the start of class but must leave to get his book or a drink or anything else is considered late. A late note will be required. Parents will be notified if this is becoming habitual.

Attendance

Attendance is an integral part of the educational process and plays a major role in the quality of education. Should a student have an illness, parents should contact the Administration. **Prior notification of any absence or lateness must be given by writing or by phone to the office and to the menahel and rebbe.**

Lateness

Talmidim are expected to be in their assigned classrooms by the time the bell rings. A talmid entering the classroom after the bell has rung is considered late whether or not the lesson has begun. This pertains to all shiurim and classes. Repeated lateness to class will result in a reduction of one's grades.

Absence/Lateness Policy

Per quarter, a student that has 10 absences in Shacharis and/or school, will receive a 1-day suspension resulting in a 3-point reduction in their quarter grade for ALL classes.

Sunday

Shiur on Sunday represents an integral part of our Mesivta curriculum. All Talmidim are expected to attend Mesivta.

Night Seder and Optional Chaburah/Chazara Seder

1. Night Seder is viewed as **Limudei Kodesh homework. It is mandatory based on each shiur's schedule.**
2. There is an optional chaburah on the nights that there is no mandatory Night Seder.
3. There is an optional Chazara Seder every night after Maariv. Bochorim from 9th grade who take advantage of this seder 3x per week and bochorim from 10th grade and up 4x per week will go on a special 2 day ski trip!

Dress Code

Talmidim are expected to dress in a manner that reflects the image and values of Bnei Torah.

1. **Talmidim should wear light colored dress shirts** with a collar and buttons throughout the length of the shirt. Shirts should be clean, neat, and tucked in always.
2. Clothing with wording or pictures on it may not be worn outside of athletic activities, including sweatshirts.
3. **Talmidim should wear dark colored neat slacks;** jeans, jean-like pants, cargo pants, corduroy pants, excessively baggy or tight pants are not permitted.
4. On in-Shabbosim, suits, white shirts and ties should be worn.
5. **Dress shoes should be worn throughout the day.** Sneakers (even black) are to be reserved for sports activities or similar. Crocs, slippers, and Converse type sneakers are not acceptable.
6. Caps and sunglasses should not be worn inside.
7. Hoodies are not acceptable. **(This is a change in policy from previous years.)**
8. For davening, a jacket should be worn, and a hat is encouraged.
9. Neckwear and other accessories are not permitted.
10. Talmidim should wear dark, solid-colored yarmulkes.
11. Talmidim must be groomed in accordance with the Mesivta's expectations for a Ben Torah. Sideburns of an acceptable halachic length are mandated. Talmidim with haircuts or hair length deemed inappropriate by the administration will not be permitted to

attend classes or participate in any Mesivta activity until the situation is corrected. Talmidim are expected to be clean-shaven.

Classroom Decorum

There is no eating during any class. It is the teacher's discretion whether to allow drinking water (no other drinks besides water). If a talmid is sent out of class because of inappropriate conduct, he must report directly to the principal. A member of the administration will determine, after consulting with the instructor, the severity of the talmid's infraction, and an appropriate response on the part of the Mesivta will follow.

Sports

1. During the long breaks of lunch and supper, talmidim may change into casual clothing when using the basketball court.
2. **During other short recesses, talmidim should remain in full dress code, even when playing ball.** They may put on sneakers.
3. Shorts and sleeveless T-shirts should not be worn.
4. A yarmulke must be worn even while playing sports. Please bring clips, bobby pins or a cap to facilitate this.

General Etiquette

Language

A person's use of language and his overall comportment often identify his character. It is the Mesivta's goal to help each talmid develop the character traits of a true Ben Torah. A talmid's speech, as well as the way he carries himself in general, must therefore reflect the fact that he spends a good part of each day involved in Torah study. Foul and vulgar language is inappropriate anywhere and will not be tolerated in Mesivta or at any Mesivta functions, including sporting events and other competitive activities. An automatic suspension will follow.

Bullying

Mesivta does not distinguish between people starting and participating in physical violence or fighting. Any talmid involved in physical or verbal abuse of another talmid may be suspended. Talmidim who engage in this behavior repeatedly risk behavioral probation and expulsion from Mesivta.

Property

Talmidim are expected to treat all Mesivta property with the utmost respect. Any talmid who is found damaging, vandalizing, defacing, or abusing Mesivta property may be suspended and may not be admitted back into Mesivta until a discussion with his parents has been held. Moreover, the talmid and/or his parents will be held responsible for any financial expense incurred because of the talmid's actions. Talmidim are also expected to clean up after themselves.

Substance Use

Illegal substances including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping, alcohol, marijuana, and all other mood or mind altering drugs are absolutely prohibited. Any talmid who is found to have used, dealt, or be in possession of any such substances will be subject to immediate expulsion. The Mesivta reserves the right to test any talmid for drug use on a random basis and for any reasonable cause.

Honor Code

A Mesivta student is expected to be of the highest degree of integrity. Just as we all perceive that taking someone else's money is a flagrant breach of integrity, so must we approach any dishonesty in the taking of exams or the fulfillment of assignments.

Conclusion

It is obviously impossible to predict behavior for all talmidim all of the time; therefore, any of the above behavioral rules and consequences may be altered if deemed appropriate by the Administration. We anticipate good behavior from all talmidim, but we believe that knowing ahead of time what consequences can follow certain actions allows parents and talmidim to make informed and positive decisions.

ACADEMICS

The Mesivta administration considers the appropriate placement for each talmid in each subject. Placement is recommended based on past performance and other relevant information. The goal is to place each talmid in the right class for him to thrive and grow while not being overwhelmed. While placement is an art, it is not a science with a perfect formula. If a talmid and/or his parents feel the placement is not appropriate, they should contact the administration. Each request for a class change will be evaluated by consulting with the appropriate teachers and members of the administration and the Mesivta will follow up with the talmid and his parents.

Homework Policy

A rigorous General Studies program requires homework to ensure the highest quality of education. At the same time, the MESIVTA OF PHOENIX faculty is sensitive to the dual curriculum and the long day. Talmidim can therefore be secure in their knowledge that their homework assignments are essential and not "busy work."

Teachers do not assign general homework over the religious holidays. These religious holidays of Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur, Succos, Pesach, and Shavuot are very intense and busy times for our talmidim and their families. Make-up work is not included in this rule.

Testing

Because of the length of the day and the dual curriculum, the administration will regulate the frequency of testing.

1. There should be a maximum of four tests each week. Short weeks should be prorated accordingly.
2. There should be no more than 2 tests on any day.
3. These restrictions do not apply to the weekly Torah Studies tests such as Parsha and Gemara.
4. All exams must be announced with ample time for preparation.

A test regulated by the above restrictions is defined as:

1. An exam that requires study time outside of class time.
2. Long term assignments such as book reports or essays.

Grading

Report Cards/Progress Reports will be issued four times each year. The first and third quarters are considered progress reports. Only the semester grades are entered on the talmidim' official transcript. Semester finals will count for 10% of the semester final grade. Teachers are required to post grades regularly on Thinkwave to update parents and talmidim about academic progress. Parents and talmidim are invited to communicate with teachers for further information on their progress.

GENERAL

Leaving School Grounds

Between the hours of 7:30am and 5:45pm, talmidim are not permitted to leave the school grounds. Talmidim are permitted to go home (no other places) for lunch (only lunch!) with a signed permission slip from their parents. If a talmid is repeatedly returning late for class, he will lose this privilege. Attached is a permission slip which will need to be filled out. To leave campus for any other reason one needs special permission. Furthermore, students in possession of vehicles on campus are prohibited from giving rides to any other students during school hours.

Dormitory Policies

We are privileged this year to have a dormitory available for students who will benefit from that convenience and environment. It is a privilege to be in the dormitory and comes with responsibilities. This is something new for the Mesivta and as such, some policies may change and/or be added as the need arises.

- Only students with a bed in the dormitory may be there. No other students are permitted in the dormitory without expressed permission from the administration.
- One may only be in the dormitory during breakfast, lunch, dinner and after maariv. Otherwise, the dormitory is off limits.
- All residents of the dormitory must be on time for davening and learning. Failure to be in time will result in losing their place in the dormitory.
- Dormitory residents must be back in the dormitory by 10:30 PM and lights out will be at 11:00 PM. Curfew will be enforced.
- Residents can bring their own mini appliances for cooking/heating up food. There is a fridge/freezer provided.

Sales on Campus

Any selling of any item must be discussed with the Administration prior. Items may be confiscated if permission was not received. This privilege can be revoked.

Cell Phones

Talmidim may not own smart phones. Flip phones should be placed in the cellphone box before shacharis. **Talmidim may not use their phones during breakfast and lunch breaks unless they are going home for lunch.** There is a dedicated phone for talmidim to use during the day. Talmidim who remain in the Mesivta during dinner break may retrieve their cell phones at dinner time.

During Night Seder, talmidim must return their phones to the cellphone box. Any cell phone or similar device seen during any class may result in it being confiscated. It will be held by the

administration for 24 hours on the first offense and 48 hours on the second offense. A third offense will require parents to come to the Mesivta to retrieve the device. Please consult the Cell Phone Policy document for more specifics.

Devices and Smartwatches

No devices or smartwatches are permitted to be brought to the Mesivta throughout the day. Any device brought will be confiscated until the end of the year.

Computer Policy

The Mesivta has computers available for talmidim to use with the supervision of a teacher. No personal computers should be brought to school.

Co-Ed Events and Programs

Talmidim of the Mesivta should not be attending any co-ed events or programs. This does not fit in with the environment of a Ben Torah in a Mesivta setting.

Cars

Talmidim may not drive a car to the Mesivta, even if it is parked off campus. An exception will be given to talmidim who live outside of the Phoenix eruv boundaries with approval from the administration. We will also allow only if needed and with permission for any talmid to drive for night seder.

Electric Scooters and Bikes

Electric scooters and electric bicycles are not permitted. If a talmid arrives with one, he will be sent home and will have to come back through a different method of transportation.

Shabbos

Shabbos is a special time for growth. We will have approximately 4 in-Shabbosim throughout the year that every student is required to join. Over Shabbos, talmidim are expected to learn the Parsha with Rashi and there is a test every Sunday on Chumash/Rashi.

Meals

Breakfast will be provided for all talmidim at the Mesivta. Talmidim should bring their own lunch. Please make sure that any food brought into the Mesivta bears proper Kosher certification.

Summer

It is important for your son to have a productive and properly structured summer. An appropriate plan is necessary for all talmidim for their summers. The rebbeim will discuss this plan with each of the talmidim and help them construct a productive summer plan. This is mandatory for re-admittance the following year.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

MESIVTA OF PHOENIX admits talmidim of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to talmidim at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.