I. Dress Code

A. The District’s dress code is established in an effort to provide a school environment that is conducive to learning. It also addresses safety concerns for students and faculty alike, and instills real-world expectations.

B. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal’s judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

C. The District prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, jewelry, or writings on your body, clothing and/or personal belongings that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance as prohibited by the District.
3. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities including, but not limited to, slashed eyebrows, colored shoestrings, jewelry.
4. Disrupts classroom instruction.

D. Clothing that has been modified in a revealing manner. In addition:

1. Jeans or shorts with holes in them may not be worn unless tights are worn underneath them so that no skin is showing.
2. Leggings or tights are allowed for female students as long as the blouse or top completely covers the buttocks area and is the same length in the front as it is in the back.
3. Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be fingertip length or longer all the way around the leg. Bicycle shorts are not allowed.
4. Boys are not allowed to wear bicycle shorts or workout tights.
5. Oversized clothing shall not be worn. Specifically, students are not permitted to wear sagging or baggy pants. Pants must be worn at the natural waistline.
6. Underwear-type shirts such as tank tops, racer backs, or muscle shirts shall not be worn.
7. The female’s sleeveless shirt must cover the shoulder.
8. See-through/chiffon or lace blouses may not be worn without a shirt under it or piece of clothing over it.
9. The neck opening on any type of shirt or blouse may not exceed the equivalent of the second button below the collar of a dress shirt or blouse. Low cut shirts are not acceptable.
10. Hats, hoodies, and headwear will not be permitted.
11. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable.
12. The hair shall be clean, well-groomed, and not cover the eyes. Hair styles shall not create a classroom distraction, or possibly be interpreted as gang related.
13. Only naturally occurring hair color is permitted.
14. Geometric or unusual patterns shaved or cut in the hair, mohawks, or faux hawks are not permitted.
15. Beards are not acceptable.
16. Sideburns shall be kept trimmed so as not to form a beard, and shall not be extreme in fullness.
17. Students may not wear facial studs, facial rings, or tongue bars, and body piercing must not be visible, nor may it be extreme or disruptive.
18. Spacer earrings, gauges, and plugs are prohibited. Male students in Pre-K through 8 may not wear earrings.
19. Tattoos on a student must be covered.
20. Contact lenses of unnatural colors or patterns will not be allowed.

E. Principals at individual campuses are authorized to publish and enforce additional rules that are felt to be necessary to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment.

F. If the principal determines that a student’s clothing or grooming violates the dress code, that student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

G. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases.

H. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. With approval of the principal and superintendent, a sponsor, coach or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed standard. Membership or participation in an extracurricular activity may be based on adherence to those standards. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal and/or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

I. Exemptions: In order to exercise a religious tenet and/or national origin objection to the Board approved dress code, the parent or guardian must provide the principal with a written objection and proof. Board Policy FNCA (LEGAL) will be reviewed annually.

II. Cell Phone Use

A. Students are allowed to bring their personal electronic devices to school. Technology devices are to remain off and out of sight during the school day with the exception of before school in the auditorium and during lunch time in the cafeteria on designated technology days, unless otherwise instructed by school personnel. Cell phones will be collected during class time and returned at the end of the class period to avoid cell phones being a classroom distraction. Cell phones and other technology devices may be used for instruction in the classroom as directed by the teacher.

B. Violation of the technology device policy will result in the device being confiscated. A parent or legal guardian may pick up the confiscated device from the office at any time at no charge. The student
may pick up the device on any day, after school hours for a $15.00 administrative fee.

C. Use of cell phone to inappropriately record or film others may result in a DAEP placement or other disciplinary action.

III. Lockers

A. Students will be assigned lockers by their first period teachers on the first day of school. It is highly recommended that students secure their belongings in their lockers with padlock, combination or key locks.

B. It is also recommended that students give an extra key or combination codes to their first period teachers so they can assist them when they forget their keys or combination codes.

C. Locks are not provided by the school.