Changes for the 2018-2019 Student Parent Handbook that have been proposed are below. The major change is in the Dress Code area to keep current with changing fashions. The entire section has been deleted with a new proposal. Minor changes involve elimination of the perfect attendance award. Additions will be made to our Student Activities area of our handbook as described below.

Page 14: DELETION in the Academic Awards Qualifications

Academic Awards Qualifications
At the end of each school year, recognition ceremonies are held to honor those students who have achieved academic excellence. To qualify for an award, a student must earn an A or a B in all subjects every term. No grade can be lower than a B-.

Additionally, the following awards are presented to students meeting the criteria at the celebration:

- Highest Honors All Four Terms
- Honor Roll All Four Terms
- Perfect Attendance

Page 26: ADDITION: Three sentences added to end of the Student Activities section

Intramural Programs
There are many activities available to you if you desire to participate. Band and Chorus is offered during the school day to any students who want to participate. By providing individual and team sports of a competitive nature for boys and girls, the intramural program is designed to stimulate and encourage sportsmanship and physical and educational development. Transportation must be provided by the students. Students must remember that school work comes first; therefore, it is expected that all students who wish to participate in intramurals will maintain satisfactory academic achievement in all subjects. Detention and extra-help take precedence over intramurals.
It is recommended that participants in intramural activities be covered by some type of health or accident insurance. **Students must have an intramural parental permission form signed by a parent in order to participate in intramural sports.** A fee is also charged for each program.

Additional activities will be considered based on requests from students, parents, or staff members. Requests will be made directly to the Assistant Principal. Once a decision about offering the activity is reached, a search will be conducted for a faculty advisor. When a faculty advisor is assigned, notice about the activity will be advertised to our students.

**ADDITION- Please note that students must be in school the day of the activity or club meeting to participate. Additionally, any breach of policies and procedures during the school day or during the activity or club meeting set in this handbook or by the advisor/s may result in removal from the club or activity for the school year. All students participating in student activities are expected to follow the behavioral expectations of the school as described in this handbook.**

**Page 27: NEW: The dress code has been updated to reflect the most recent fashion statements.**

**Dress Code- NEW PROPOSAL**
The responsibility for appropriate student dress and attire rests with the student and the parent/guardian. Common sense and good judgment should be exercised that will result in the wearing of clothing that contributes to a respectful academic environment and educational atmosphere. We encourage you to consult your parents if you are concerned about an item of clothing that you may be considering wearing to school. The school administration reserves the right to determine what is and is not appropriate for the school environment. As you are planning for your day, please keep in mind that clothing needs to cover one’s body and undergarments. Additionally, cleavage should be covered. Items that should not be worn inside the school building include clothing that displays inappropriate language or graphics and head coverings unless they are for religious or medical reasons. Articles of outdoor clothing, backpacks, purses, messenger bags, or bags of any kind should not be carried unless nurse or administrator permission has been granted.

**DRESS CODE- DELETION**

Students are required to dress in good taste. The school atmosphere should be conducive to accomplishing the important goals of education. Attire or grooming that is disruptive to the educational environment will result in disciplinary action. The final decision regarding dress that interrupts the educational process rests with the school administration.

Guidelines to help parents and students make good decisions about what is appropriate to wear to school are as follows:

* **Jeans and pants** should be clean, worn with a belt at the waist if they are baggy. Jeans, pants, and shorts are to be worn in an appropriate and non-offensive manner. Leggings are not considered pants and should not be worn as such.

* **Tops**- spaghetti straps, halter tops, halter dresses, tube tops are not permitted. All tops should have sleeves that reach the edge of the shoulders or have
capped sleeves.

*Shorts and skirts* should be appropriate for the school environment even when one is seated. Guideline: Skirts must be no shorter than to measure five inches from the center of the knee to the hem. Shorts must be no shorter than to measure 8 inches from the center of the knee to the hem.

*Underclothing* should be covered at all times. Revealing necklines are not acceptable.

*Bare midriffs* are not acceptable. Tops and bottoms must meet.

*Attire or accessories* depicting references to alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco products, or violence are not to be worn.

*Footwear*—any type of footwear determined to be destructive to the floors or hazardous are unacceptable. While flip flops and athletic sandals are allowed, it is recognized that they are not the safest choice for walking throughout the halls or outside our building.

*Head coverings* of any kind including, but not limited to, scarves, bandannas, masks, athletic headbands, hats, caps or hoods are not to be worn in the building unless they are for religious or medical purposes.

*Articles of outdoor clothing* are not to be worn in the building during school.

*Chains* such as spikes, heavy rope bands, dog-collars, or other potentially dangerous articles of any type are not to be worn in school.

Sleepwear/Pajamas/Pants with writing on the buttocks are not appropriate for the school setting.