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Dear Parents and Guardians:

At its November 20, 2018 meeting, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopted the newly revised *Code of Student Conduct* (COSC) which is aligned to recent local, state, and federal mandates with an emphasis on promoting a safe learning environment to ensure academic success.

The COSC sets the standards of conduct expected of students in a purposeful safe learning environment in which the principles of care, courtesy and respect for the rights of others is valued. It also addresses the role of the parents/guardians, the students, and school, but also focuses on core values and model student behavior, rights and responsibilities of students, addressing student behavior, and disciplinary procedures.

It is important that parents/guardians, along with their child take the time to review the COSC. There have been some substantive revisions that both parents/guardians and students need to review. Furthermore, it should also be noted that behaviors committed on or off the school campus may be violations of the COSC and may also be violations of Florida law. These violations may result in disciplinary actions imposed by local law enforcement authorities, in addition to those of the school/district.

The COSC can be accessed by visiting <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/> . If you do not have access to the internet, you may go to your child's school and request to review the *Code of Student Conduct* manual. Please take the time to review and discuss the importance of the *Code of Student Conduct* with your child or children. After reviewing the *Code of Student Conduct*, you and your child/children must sign, date, and return the accompanied **Parent Receipt and Acknowledgement Form to your child's school within 5 school days.**

I consider each and every parent/guardian a valuable partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and recognize that you share the same goal as all of our schools, which is to create a safe learning environment that promotes academic success. For this reason, we hope that you understand the importance of the District's expectations for student behavior, and the corrective strategies should misconduct occur.

Sincerely,

Silvia P. Tarafa  
Principal