**INDIGENOUS STANDARD 1: EMPOWERMENT STANDARDS**

***Empowerment* is giving NACA students the cultural foundation and proper tools to move forward feeling confident. This empowerment is built upon the power of legacy, not victimization.**

**Standard 1a: Empowerment is built upon the power of indigenous legacy, not victimization.**

**Standard 1b: Empowerment is a personal choice.**

**Standard 1c: Empowerment is a community choice.**

**Standard 1d: Empowerment is an indigenous value.**

**Standard 1e: Empowerment is confidence.**

**Standard 1f: Empowerment is the power to listen first.**

**Standard 1g: Empowerment is intentional thoughts, voice and action.**

**Standard 1h: Empowerment is recognizing and valuing indigenous strength.**

**Standard 1i: Empowerment is speaking truth to power.**

**Standard 1j: Empowerment is knowing your story and your people’s story, through the perspective of one’s community.**

**Standard 1k: Empowerment is a daily task of critique, reflection and improvement.**

**INDIGENOUS STANDARD 2: SELF-IDENTITY STANDARDS**

***Self Identity* is the foundation of one’s strength, and the foundation of the individual’s contribution to community.**

**Standard 2a: The development of self-identity is based on explorations of core values, personal history.**

**Standard 2b: The development of self-identity must be free from external influence.**

**NDIGENOUS STANDARD 3: HOLISTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

***Holistic Relationships* are the connections between all things, and a responsibility to yourself and everything around you.**

**Standard 3a: Holistic relationships are inclusive of everything, both animate and inanimate.**

**Standard 3b Holistic relationships stem from our core values and communities.**

**Standard 3c: Holistic relationships are learned from lived experiences.**

**Standard 3d: Holistic relationships are vital to the sustainability of our families and Indigenous communities.**

**Standard 3e: Holistic relationships are important to the development of future generations.**

**Standard 3f: Holistic relationships provide personal balance.**

**Standard 3g: Holistic relationships are important to understand the connection we have with nature.**

**Standard 3h: Holistic relationships serve as the foundation of health and wellness.**