

DRESS CODE

It shall be the policy of the Florence City Board of Education to establish an appropriate dress code for all students in grades K-12. The intent of the code is to remove all barriers to the learning process and to school safety. Students in grades K-4 shall be subject to the dress code outlined on page two of this policy, while page three applies to students in grades 5-12. The Principal shall have final judgment on all matters concerning compliance with the policy and all matters pertaining to appearance and dress not specifically covered in these pages.

The Principal shall have authority to waive the wearing of the prescribed apparel for up to nine (9) school days during an academic year as a means of encouraging students to participate in specific activities. Students who choose not to participate in such activities shall wear the prescribed apparel on page two or three, as applicable.

These procedures shall be followed if a parent/guardian desires to exempt his/her child from this policy for health, religious or financial reasons:

1. Request by mail or in person an application for exemption form. This document may be obtained at the student's school.
2. Complete the application and submit it to the designated school administrator at a mutually agreed-upon time. The purposes of this meeting include:
 - a. Ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the policy;
 - b. Verifying the accuracy of the information on the application; and
 - c. Taking action on the parental request.

Students who enter Florence City Schools during the school year shall be given seven (7) school days to come into compliance with this policy.

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For Students in Grades K-4**

Students in grades K-4 may choose their own mode and manner of dress; however, such students must adhere to the following:

1. Top: Midriff must be completely covered.
2. Bottom: Slacks, shorts, jeans, skirts, skorts, capris must fit at the natural waist.
3. Clothing with pictures, symbols, writing or letters that are offensive or vulgar or that advertises tobacco, drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

School-system colors of royal blue, black, white and gray are encouraged as is Florence City Schools' spirit-wear/school-approved activity wear.

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For Students in Grades 5-12

Boys' Attire

Top: Oxford, golf shirt, turtle neck, crew neck t-shirt. All long or short-sleeved. School-system colors of royal blue, black, white, and gray are encouraged.

Bottom: Dress or casual slacks, khakis, jeans, shorts. Denim and corduroy are allowed.

Girls' Attire

Top: Oxford, golf shirt, turtleneck, crew neck t-shirt, blouses. All long or short-sleeved. School-system colors of royal blue, black, white, and gray are encouraged.

Bottom: Dress or casual slacks, jeans, skirts, capris, shorts, skorts, jumpers and dresses. Denim and corduroy are allowed.

** All Florence City Schools' spirit-wear/school-approved activity wear is allowed.*

Outerwear worn indoors: Jackets, vests, pull-overs, sweaters, sweatshirts. All must fit appropriately including sleeve and body length; an oxford, golf shirt, turtleneck, crew neck t-shirt or blouse must be worn underneath and tucked in.

Specifications

- Tops and bottoms must be of different colors or different shades of same color.
- Tops (excluding outerwear) must be tucked in completely.
- All buttoned shirts must be appropriately buttoned.
- Pants must fit at the natural waist (above the hips) and not touch the floor.
- Belts must be appropriate length with unobtrusive buckle and be buckled.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses and jumpers must not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
- Logos may be no larger than two inches by three inches, except school logos.

Items NOT Allowed

- Wind pants, warm-ups, athletic shorts, overalls, cargo-type pants, sweat pants or trench coats.
- Oversized clothing or clothing that is too tight.
- Camouflage wear, except that approved for JROTC and Wheeler Rifles.
- Strapless, low-cut, see-through or sleeveless dresses, skirts or tops.
- Clothing with holes, slits, patches or cuts.
- Head coverings inside school facilities.
- Clothing with symbols, signs, letters, numbers, words or pictures, other than Florence City Schools' spirit/school-approved activity wear.
- House shoes or shoes with heels higher than 2 1/2 inches.
- Jewelry that poses a safety risk and/or a distraction to the educational process.

Consequences for Violations

GRADES 5-6:

First violation:	Warning by an administrator to the individual student and parental contact
Second violation:	Detention (before or after school, 1-3 days)
Third violation:	In-school suspension (ISS, 1-3 days)
Fourth violation:	Class II Offense/Disobedience (see Policy JC)

GRADES 7-8:

First violation: Warning by an administrator to the individual student and parental contact
Second violation: In-school suspension (ISS, 50 points)
Third Violation: In-school suspension (ISS, 200 points)
Fourth violation: Class II Offense/Disobedience (See Policy JC)

GRADE 9:

First violation: Warning by an administrator to the individual student and parental contact
Second violation: In-school suspension (ISS,50 points) or Loss of Privileges (LOP, 3 days)
Third violation: Off-campus suspension (1-3 days)
Fourth violation: Class II Offense/Disobedience (See Policy JC)

GRADES 10-12:

First violation: Warning by an administrator to the individual student and parental contact
Second violation: Loss of Privileges (LOP, 10 days)
Third violation: In-school suspension (ISS, 3-5 days)
Fourth violation: Class II Offense/Disobedience (See Policy JC)

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