

Dress Code

The intent of the code is to remove all barriers to the learning process and to school safety. Students in grades K-12 shall be subject to the dress code outlined below. The Principal shall have final judgment on all matters concerning compliance with the dress code 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 outlined below.

These procedures shall be followed if a parent/guardian desires to exempt his/her child from the dress code 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 Superintendent or his designee at a mutually agreed-upon time. The purposes of this meeting include:
 - a. Ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the dress code;
 - 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 the dress code.

Dress Code 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:

Florence City Schools Parent-Student Handbook Page 40

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.

Dress Code for Students in Grades 5-12

Allowable Attire

Top: Tops must not be revealing. Tucking in shirts/blouses is not required but is encouraged. It helps teach students to outclass the competition. Neat dress gives students in Florence City Schools a competitive edge when they enter the workforce.

Bottom - Boys: Dress or casual slacks, khakis, jeans, shorts.

Bottom - Girls: Dress or casual slacks, jeans, skirts, capris, shorts, skorts, jumpers and dresses.

Outerwear worn indoors: Jackets, vests, pull-overs, sweaters, sweatshirts. All must fit appropriately including sleeve and body length.

Specifications

- ☒ All buttoned shirts must be appropriately buttoned.
- ☒ Pants must fit at the natural waist (above the hips) and not touch the floor.
- ☒ Shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses and jumpers must not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
- ☒ Logos may not be offensive in words or pictures.

Items NOT Allowed

- ☒ Sweat pants/wind pants of any type, athletic shorts, overalls, or trench coats.
- ☒ Oversized clothing or clothing that is too tight.
- ☒ Camouflage wear.
- ☒ 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 deemed offensive in any form.
- ☒ House shoes or pajama wear.
- ☒ Jewelry or other items that pose 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)

Florence City Schools Parent-Student Handbook Page 41

Third violation: In-school suspension (ISS, 1-3 days)

Fourth violation: Class II Offense/Disobedience

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

GRADE 9:

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

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