

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE



*Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready and
Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society*

S. 70 – School Board Code of Ethics & Mandatory Training

Key Requirements:

- *SBE adopts model code of ethics
- *Local boards adopt a code including at least the SBE code within 3 months of SBE action
- *SCDE develops and adopts board member training program by 12/31/26
- *All board members complete the training program by 5/18/27
- *After initial round, all board members complete when elected or re-elected

Topics of Training Program:

- *Policy development
- *Personnel
- *Superintendent/Board relations
- *Instructional programs
- *District finance
- *School law
- *Ethics
- *Nepotism
- *Conflicts of interest
- *Community relations

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Key Items of Note

- 3 month deadline to adopt code of ethics aligned with SBE
- Law specifies this must be at a “regularly scheduled meeting”
- Local board must certify completion of SCDE training and publish certification in board minutes
- Failure to complete the training carries a penalty to the board member

S. 416 – Student Expulsions

- Key Changes
 - Requires the expulsions for knowingly bringing a firearm to any setting under school board jurisdiction for at least one year from date of incident.
 - Any deviation on a case-by-case basis must be voted on by the board even if the hearing is conducted by staff.
 - Requires expulsion for knowing and willful threats to commit bodily harm with a weapon and includes evaluation criteria
- Takeaways
 - During the process, the Legislature added the threat portion to the original bill
 - Removes the ability of the Superintendent to modify the expulsion for a firearm under their own authority. The board must “affirm”.
 - Adds “virtual programming” to “alternative setting” as options to continue providing services.

H. 5073 – Public School Grading

Requirements on Student Grading:

- No grade floor policies; teacher assigned grades or scores hold
- To be eligible for credit or content recovery students must have turned in work on time

Formative & Benchmark Assessments

- Codifies requirements similar to previous proviso
- To be used in grades, assessments must be on content covered in class and be available to instructors

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UGP Task Force

- Grades align with evaluating CCR
- GPA aligns with academic achievement
- Reduce need for credit and content recovery
- Report due 6/1/27 to SBE
- Any SBE updates to UGP effective for 28-29 SY

H.3195 Physical Education and Recess

- Seeks to increase instructional time in physical education courses and require mandatory unstructured, self directed recess for students in 4K – 8th grade beginning with the 2027-2028 SY
- Schools must provide:
 - At least 150 minutes per week of physical education and physical activity (4K – 8th grade)
 - Minimum of 20 minutes of unstructured outdoor recess daily for 4K – 8th grade, with indoor recess provided during inclement weather.
 - At least 90 minutes of PE weekly for students in 4K – 5th
 - At least 60 hours of PE annually for students in grades 6th- 8th.
 - Clarifies that recess cannot be used to fulfill curriculum or physical education requirements and cannot be withheld as punishment more than twice a week.



2026 State Budget

- The General Assembly passed the spending plan on Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Sent to the governor's desk for final review and potential line-item vetoes ahead of next Monday's deadline (August 17, 2026)



Enrollment Update 2026-2027

Schools	Enrollment
LCECC	334
MSE	246
JCLES	373
SES	357
OMS	141
REMJB	198
JPT	347
LCHS	455
District Total	2451

2025-2026 135th day report = 2602