

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*

H. 3831 — Smart Heart Act

- ***Approved the 30th day of March, 2026.***
- Must have AEDs in schools and accessible from athletic venues
- Must have a plan to use them
- All subject to funding

H. 3974 — Private Providers

- *The (state) board shall finalize its model policy by January 6, 2027. Districts must adopt the model policy or develop their own policy that meets the minimum requirements of the model policy and is subject to department approval by July 1, 2027.*
- Allowance for students with autism spectrum disorders to have private ABA therapy provider
- Parents make the request
- School and district set the terms
- SCDE has additional work to do model MOU

BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Added:

Removal for noncompliance with mandatory training

Any newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed board member who fails to complete the state approved training program within the time frame prescribed in state law and in policy BIA/BIB, Board Member Training/Development opportunities, is subject to having his/her name referred to the Governor by the State Board of Education for removal from office.

Section 59-19-45 – Recommendation for removal of board members by the Governor

Policy – BIA/BDD Revision

New Member Orientation/Board Member Development Opportunities

- The board and superintendent, to the best of their ability, will assist each newly elected, **reelected, appointed, or reappointed** member in understanding the board's functions, policies, and procedures. The superintendent will provide each newly elected member with materials pertinent to board operations, including access to the board policy manual. **The board will provide each newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed member with information about training required by state law and administrative support to ensure members comply with mandatory training requirements.**

Policy – BIA/BDD Revision

New Member Orientation/Board Member Development Opportunities

Added:

Training for Members

- State law requires all newly elected, reelected, appointed, or reappointed members to successfully complete a state-approved training program within nine months of taking office. The program will include the powers, duties, and responsibilities of board members, as well as other topics, including but not limited to board relations, policy development, personnel, superintendent, instructional programs, district finance, school law, community relations and board ethics.
- Board members who fail to comply with the mandatory training requirements may be referred by the State Board of Education to the Governor for possible removal from office in accordance with state law and the procedures outline in policy BBBD, Board Removal from Office.

Policy – BIA/BDD Revision

New Member Orientation/Board Member Development Opportunities

Added:

Certification

- The board will certify that all members have completed with the training requirements, the State Ethics Act, and the local code of ethics within nine months of an elections, reelection, appointment, or reappointment of its members. The certification will be published in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- Current section on Orientation for New Members – deleted

Policy – JICI Revision

WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

Weapons (Firearms)

The board will expel any student who **knowingly** brings a firearm to school, **on school grounds, in school buildings, on buses, or to school-related functions**. The term firearm is defined extensively in federal law, but generally means a weapon (gun) or destructive device (explosive, incendiary).

The superintendent will make recommendations for expulsion consistent with this policy except that, **on a case-by-case basis and subject to board review and approval**, the superintendent **may modify the expulsion period when an authority other than the board conducts the expulsion hearing**. ~~on a case-by-case basis, may modify this expulsion requirement.~~ **If the board does not approve the modification, the expulsion period will be reinstated.**

When the board conducts the expulsion hearing, the board may, on a case-by-case basis, modify this expulsion requirement.

The district may provide educational services in an alternative setting **or virtually** to a student expelled under this policy.

Policy – JKD Revision

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

- Added:
- A student suspended from school may only enter the school or school grounds for a prearranged conference with the principal.
- The district may provide educational services in an alternative education setting or virtually to a student suspended under this policy.

Policy – JKE Revision

EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Add

Students who are expelled from school are prohibited from entering a school or school grounds, attending any school functions or activities (including those occurring during the school day, after school or night school) or riding a school bus for the durations of the expulsion period. An expelled student may only enter the school or school grounds for a prearranged conference with the principal.

Threats of Violence

The board will expel any student who knowingly and intentionally delivers or communicates a threat to commit bodily harm to any student or staff member by use of a weapon if the board or its designee determines at the hearing that, at a minimum:

The threat was directed at a specific students, staff member, or school;

An ordinary person reviewing the threat would have a reasonable expectation of a violent act resulting in bodily harm;

The student making the threat is reasonably expected to have the ability to carry out the threat; and

The threat materially and substantially disrupts school operations, including, but not limited to, class cancellation, school and student lockdowns, and parents/legal guardians declining to send students to school in response to the threat

Policy – JKE Revision

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Policy – JKE Revision

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This includes threats made in writing (letter or paper), electronically, or any other form of communication.

The period of expulsion will be no less than one year. The superintendent or the board may, on a case-by-case basis, modify this expulsion requirement.

Students expelled under the section will be provided with access to educational services in an alternative education setting or virtually.

A student may be subject to expulsion for any threat of violence or harm, regardless of whether a weapon is involved, in accordance with policy JICDA, Code of Conduct.

The district will refer each expelled student to the local county office of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Policy – JKE/R Revision

EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Added:

In addition to the factors set forth above, the board will also consider the following factors in determining the appropriateness of expelling a student for threats of violence:

- the threat was directed at specific students, staff, or school
- a person would reasonably expect the threat to result in a violent act causing bodily harm
- the student making the threat could be reasonably expected to have the capacity to carry out the threat
- the threat resulted in a material and substantial disruption to school operations, including, but not limited to, class cancellations, families keeping students at home in response to the threat, or school lockdown



Policy –IKA Revision

EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Added:

The district's grading system is intended to accurately reflect students' actual performance on required assignments. The district will not adopt or implement any grading system that requires teachers to assign a minimum grade or score higher than what a student has actually earned on required assignments.

- Section 59-29-250 – Public school grading practices.



Enrollment Update 2026-2027

Schools	Enrollment
LCECC	329
MSE	250
JCLES	388
SES	355
OMS	145
REMJB	207
JPT	339
LCHS	451
District Total	2464

2025-2026 135th day report = 2602