

2024 Florence High School Football Program Standards and Expectations

Welcome to the Florence High School (FHS) Football program. Being a part of the FHS Football program requires commitment from the coaches, staff, teachers, administration, and most importantly the players and their families. This commitment provides everyone in the program with the best opportunity to be successful on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

Coaches/Staff:

- Jesse Hart – Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator
- JT Neal – Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks
- Manny Celaya – Wide Receivers, Defensive Backs
- Kenny Wantland – Defensive Line, Running Backs
- Jasper Bogar – Offensive Line
- Michael Gutierrez – Assistant Coach
- Nathan Lamas – Assistant Coach
- David Neal – Assistant Coach
- Nick Metz, ATC – Athletic Trainer
- Sarah Robinson, ATC – Athletic Trainer
- Shawn Cluff – Athletic Director

Practice is Mandatory!

The only way for the FHS Football program to have success on the field is by everyone being present for every practice. Spring football is Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:45pm-4:45pm. During season, Varsity/JV practices are 4:55am-7:45am Monday thru Friday (day before game walk-thru will be after school). Freshmen/Sophomores practice right after school to 5:15pm. All levels practice on Saturdays 9am-11:30am. We have practices during school holidays at different times. Please see the calendar for all dates, times, and events for the upcoming season.

All athletes must watch at least 1 hour of film on their HUDL app each week (film study).

The FHS Football and Athletic Department Attendance policy is as follows:

FHS Student Athletes are expected to attend every practice and competition the entire season. The FHS Athletic Department has implemented the following attendance policy for ALL athletic programs at Florence High School:

- 1st Unexcused Absence – Athlete will sit 10% of athletic contests (Football = 1 game)
- 2nd Unexcused Absence – Athlete will be removed from the team. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in other sports until their current season is complete.

Only documented excused absences will allow an athlete to miss practice or a competition. All excused absences must be accompanied with documentation of excuse. Out of School Suspensions (OSS) may result in dismissal from the team.

Documented Excused Absences are defined as:

- Bereavement – announcement of funeral
- Medical Emergency – Doctor's or Urgent Care's note
- Court Date – notification of court. Court dates need to be communicated right away to coaches.
- COVID – documentation of positive test or picture of positive home test. Not allowed to return to the team until ten (10) days after positive test.

One (1) Excused Absence without Documentation (call in by parent only) that falls under the above-mentioned guidelines will be allowed during the season. All other excused absences must have documentation of excuse.

Grades are Top Priority!

Getting an education is a right, playing a sport is a privilege. Student Athletes are students first and athletes second. FHS Football players will have weekly grade checks for eligibility. A grade of 60% or higher must be in every class for participation in competitions. Two (2) ineligibilities in a season may result in removal from the FHS Football program.

Hazing in any way, shape, or form is strictly prohibited and will result in removal from the FHS Football program.

Social Media Responsibility

Please be aware that what the FHS Football players post is public and a reflection of themselves, their families, the FHS Football program, and the school. All FHS Football players are expected to be responsible and avoid posting inappropriate content or the use of vulgar language and images on social media.

Zero tolerance from the FHS Football players, family members, or coaches/staff of negative social media posts about the FHS Football program, coaches/staff, teammates, school, other teams, or other players. All program issues should be communicated directly to Coach Hart.

It is important that we remember we are representatives of the FHS Football program, school, and Florence community.

Vaping, Alcohol, Drugs and Testing

Athletes that are caught using or selling drugs/tobacco, vaping or drinking will be dismissed from the team.

Weekly Random Alcohol/Drug Tests are administered. Any FHS Football player who tests positive for alcohol/drugs will be required to take a drug/alcohol prevention class (at their expense) or be dismissed from the FHS Football program.

Transportation Waivers

All FHS Football players will take the team bus to the game.

Transportation Waivers (Leaving the Game Only) must be done individually prior to each game if not riding the bus.

FHS Football players can only be released to their parents unless prior notification from all families has been given to Coach Hart (Varsity) or Coach Gutierrez (JV) or Coach Duarte (Freshmen) and Shawn Cluff (Athletic Director) by email and waiver.

FHS Player's uniform, helmet, pads, and bag must be sent back to the school with another player riding on the team bus.

Fundraising and Booster Club

All FHS Football players are expected to participate and complete the minimum Spring and Fall fundraisings requirements of twenty (20) cookie dough (Spring 2024) and twenty (20) discount cards (Fall 2024) sold. See the calendar for dates of each fundraiser. Incoming Freshmen are excused from the Spring 2024 cookie dough fundraiser.

To provide the FHS Football players with a first-class football experience, booster club members are needed throughout the year. Booster club members can assist in fundraising, concession stand help, community events, game day experience, team meals, and end of the year banquet along with many more activities throughout the year. Parents, please see Coach Hart or one of our booster club officers if you would like to be involved or let me know.

Thank you so much for your support!

Communication is Key

Florence High School Football contacts and social media:

- Jesse Hart – Head Coach = jhart@fusdaz.org (520) 723-6426
- Nick Metz, ATC – Athletic Trainer = nmetz@fusdaz.org (520) 866-3560 ext. 7046
- Shawn Cluff – Athletic Director = scluff@fusdsaz.org (520) 866-3563
- www.FlorenceFootball.com – team store, calendar of practices, games, meetings, and fundraisers
- Twitter: @FlorenceFBall – communication from Coach Hart and team activities
- Instagram: @florencefball – communication from Coach Hart and team activities

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My parents/guardians and I have read and understand the 2024 Florence High School Football Program Standards and Expectations. This is due back and signed by Friday, April 19, 2024.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student ID Number

Student Signature

Student Cellphone Number

Parent(s) Name(s) (Please Print)

Parent(s) Signature

Parent Contact Email Address

Parent(s) Contact Phone Number

I approve my child's picture to be shared on any and all Florence High School Football social media accounts.

(Please Circle One)

YES or NO