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We introduce a class of formally self-dual additive codes over \mathbb{F}_4 as a natural analogue of binary formally self-dual codes, which is missing in the study of additive codes over \mathbb{F}_4 . We define extremal formally self-dual additive codes over \mathbb{F}_4 and classify all such codes. Interestingly, we find exactly three formally self-dual additive $(7, 2^7)$ odd codes over \mathbb{F}_4 with minimum distance $d = 4$, a better minimum distance than any self-dual additive $(7, 2^7)$ codes over \mathbb{F}_4 . We further define near-extremal formally self-dual additive codes over \mathbb{F}_4 as an analogue of near-extremal binary formally self-dual codes, and prove that they do not exist if their lengths are $n = 16, 18$ or $n \geq 20$. (Received August 03, 2007)