



Dressing with Class

The Phillipsburg Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations and has adopted the following guidelines:

Unacceptable Attire

Clothing

- Tube tops, off the shoulder tops, spaghetti strap tops, strapless garments, halter tops, backless shirts, tanks tops (three inch rule)
- Muscle shirts, midriff shirts, tops, or see through or revealing clothing, which expose cleavage
- Shorts, pants, skirts worn lower than the hip line. Any clothing that exposes undergarments or anatomy
- Dresses and skirts that are shorter than approximately knee-length
- Shorts or similar types of clothing (those displaying an in-seam) must be longer than finger-tip length when arms are fully extended to the sides.
- Spandex clothing. Leggings must be covered by skirts or shirts that completely cover the buttocks
- Cut-off clothing not properly tailored or seamed
- Trousers / slacks with studs or gaudy accessories such as wrist / ankle bands with spikes, waist chains
- Clothing which advertises alcohol or drugs, or which is offensive to ordinary taste, obscene or immoral, gun or weapon-related, gang related, may have multiple interpretations, or promotes a counter culture inconsistent with a public school
- Flip-flops, blacksoled hiking boots, cleated footwear, spikes or similar footwear; no bare feet
- Headbands, bandanas or hats
- Outerwear in classrooms

Accessories/Miscellaneous Items

- Wrist and ankle bands with spikes
- Waist chains or similar fad items that have little or no dress utility for the public schools
- Water bottles (unless authorized by the school nurse)
- Bicycles
- Roller Blades, skateboards, hee-lies
- Fad items that disrupt instruction
- Gang related items

Backpacks / sport sacks may be used but must be left in lockers during the school day.