

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILLIPS
EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS
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The School District of Phillips offers students who reside in the District a variety of educational options for district students and students opting to attend through open enrollment.

Annually, each public school must provide to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in or attending the school a list of the educational options available to children who reside in the pupil's resident district, including: public schools, private schools participating in a parental choice program, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time open enrollment, course options, and options for students enrolled in a home-based private educational program.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) generates a School Report Card and District Report Card for every publicly-funded school and district in the state. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>. The Report Cards are intended to help schools and districts utilize performance data to target their improvement efforts so that students are ready for their next educational step – including the next grade level, graduation, college, and careers.

Schools receive a score for priority areas of

- 1) Student achievement proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics on the annual state assessments;
- 2) School growth measured by year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement;
- 3) Targeted Group Outcomes demonstrates outcomes for students with the lowest test scores in their school
- 4) On-Track to Graduate indicates the success of students in the school in achieving educational milestones that predict postsecondary success.

Overall the School District of Phillips received a rating of 63.7 - Meets Expectations. The District's schools and each school's most recent state-assigned performance category are listed below. Data given is from the 2023-2024 school year report cards.

Phillips Elementary School (72.0 - Exceeds Expectations)

Offers programs for 4K through Grade 5

Offers special education programming for students age 3 through Grade 5

Phillips Middle School (59.7 - Meets Expectations)

Offers programs for Grades 6-8 regular and special education

Phillips High School (64.7 - Meets Expectations)

Offers programs for Grades 9-12 regular and special education

There are no private schools participating in the parental choice program within the School District of Phillips boundaries.

Virtual School Options: The School District of Phillips is a consortium member of the Rural Virtual Academy (based in Medford, WI) which offers virtual programming to resident students. For other virtual schools available for open enrollment, contact DPI at dpi.wi.gov/imt/digital-learning/virtual-schools

Open Enrollment: The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside. The regular open enrollment application period typically begins the first Monday of February of the preceding school year and ends at 4:00 pm on April 30th. The best way to apply is online via a link on the DPI's website: dpi.wi.gov. Paper copies can also be picked up in the district office. An alternative open enrollment procedure allows pupils to apply for open enrollment at any time during a school year if certain criteria are met. Additional information regarding this procedure can be found on the DPI Open Enrollment – Parent page. Also Board Policy 5113

Part-Time Open Enrollment: A pupil enrolled in a public school in the high school grades may attend public school in a nonresident school district for the purpose of taking a course offered by the nonresident school district. A pupil may attend no more than two courses at any time in nonresident school districts. See <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/ptoe>

Pupils Enrolled in Home-based Private Education Programs Options – “Home-based private educational program” means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child's parent or guardian or by a person designed by the parent or guardian. An instructional program provided to more than one family unit does not constitute a home-based private educational program. (Wisc State Stat 115.001(3g).

Home-based students are supported within the available resources of the District by the District providing: 1) requested curriculum documents, 2) instructional material such as textbooks when supplies are available, 3) access to the IMC during school hours when pre-arranged through the building principal 4) up to two courses for children grades K-12. A home-based student may attend one course in each of two school districts, but may not attend more than two courses in any semester, 5) non-resident private or home school children up to two courses per semester in grades 9-12. (See District's Public School Open Enrollment policy 5113 and Board Policy 9270 Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling)

Northcentral Technical College - A student may be eligible to receive dual credit through an arrangement in which high school students earn both high school and college credit. Technical college courses are taught in the high school by college certified high school instructors. Only juniors and seniors will receive college credit. If an underclassman would like to take the course without the college credit, they may do so and receive high school credit only. A list of transcribed courses is available in the Phillips High School Registration Manual.

Advanced Placement - A student may be eligible to receive credit for certain college courses by completing Advanced Placement (AP) classes in high school and passing the corresponding AP exam. Students are responsible for paying the exam fee. Fee waivers are available to those who qualify. Phillips High School offers Advanced Placement courses in the following areas: Calculus, Chemistry and English Literature and Composition.

Early College Credit Program/Start College Now - Students who have attained junior status (earned a minimum of 16 credits) are eligible to participate and enroll in courses through post-secondary educational institutions such as the University of Wisconsin or the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Courses taken through this program must not be comparable to courses offered by the high school. Students who wish to take courses must not have a record of disciplinary problems. Applications for the program and additional information can be requested through your school counselor. Applications for the fall semester must be received in the office by March 1, or for the spring semester by October 1.

Youth Apprenticeship Program - This program is an initiative of the State of Wisconsin to offer one- or two-year programs. The program's intent is to provide a way for Juniors and Seniors to begin career development through both work-based and school-based learning. School-based learning can involve courses through a technical college. Access to apprenticeships is based on local business opportunities and the willingness of a student with a good attendance record to commit to the program. Apprenticeships potentially available in this area include auto collision, mechanical design, financial services, health services, hospitality and tourism, engineering, information technology/networking, logistics, machining, production technician, plastics, agriculture and welding.