

# You are a...

PHS students participated in a survey asking their opinions on stereotyping. Not every student participated and some surveys were returned anonymously. As a staff we were curious to see how many students felt that they were stereotyped by others. The survey asked what category each individual felt they would be. The categories to choose from were: jock, nerd, prep, emo, gothic, cheerleader,

the good kid, class clown, teacher's pet, hick, cool, musician, the artsy kid, drama queen and the wallflower. Many students chose to write in other stereotypes. Out of 249 students (freshmen through seniors) who answered, 161 said that yes, they feel that they are stereotyped by others. Our staff tallied each class and listed the top stereotyped categories around the class name. Those are

categories that YOU said you were - we as a staff did not decide those. Many students also included very interesting comments about the idea of stereotyping in general. We have included some of the best. The Paolite Staff hopes that this survey brings out thought-provoking discussion on the issue of stereotyping at PHS.

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You shouldn't stereotype at all. Nothing good ever really comes of it. All it does is puts kids down or gives them such a big ego that no one wants to be around them. It gets old, really fast.  
Junior Caitlin Moore

It's high school, everyone has an opinion on another person. Sometimes they voice it, but only you can decide who you want to be.  
Junior Brianna Phillips

It is a bad thing to be stereotyped when people think you are a jerk, or that you think you are better than everyone, even though this may not be true.  
Junior Tyler Line

It isn't right to stereotype because you don't always know how people are. People judge before they know you.  
Junior Ivy Basinger

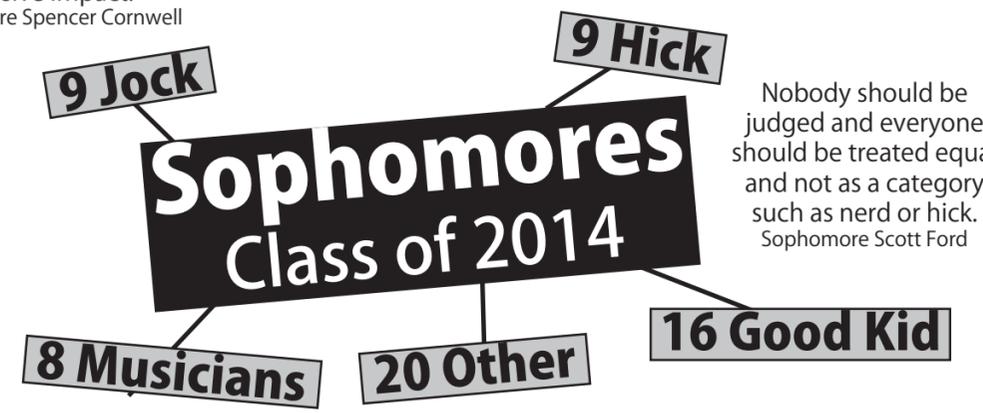
You're not going to get anywhere in life judging people. We are all a creation of God and we are all brothers and sisters of each other.  
Junior Kirk Blevins

Everyone hates it, but everyone does it.  
Junior Tyler Apple



They can limit what people do because they are hard to change. And lots of kids judge others and are not accepting.  
Sophomore Riley Balsmeyer

It's subtle, but it has an abusive impact.  
Sophomore Spencer Cornwell



Nobody should be judged and everyone should be treated equal and not as a category such as nerd or hick.  
Sophomore Scott Ford

People need to be looked at equally and not get stereotyped or pointed at.  
Senior Sheena Reynolds

People assume that I'm boring because I don't drink or go to parties, even if they don't know me.  
Sophomore Alyson Graham

No one should judge a book by its cover. Not everyone that interacts with a certain group is the same.  
Sophomore Kyle Watkins

People aren't always what they seem, and there are more people than what we see, which is why I try not to stereotype.  
Senior Brianna Smetzer

Depending on what category you're in it depends on the impact.  
Freshman Christopher Lambert

Stereotypes usually aren't good and I feel people should avoid them at all costs.  
Freshman Meika Lewellyn

You shouldn't judge people by who they are or what they do. You should get to know that person first before you stereotype them.  
Freshman Bailey Rankin

It's alright to positively stereotype because it encourages and motivates people, just not negative stereotyping.  
Freshman Devon Stroud

Being stereotyped as being weird, it can make people feel stupid for being unique.  
Freshman Emma Walker

