

SCHOOL SAFETY

The district has a comprehensive plan for keeping schools safe and drug-free including:

- Appropriate and effective school discipline policies that prohibit disorderly conduct, illegal possession of weapons, and the illegal use, possession, distribution, and/or sale of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.
- Security procedures at school and to and from school.
- Prevention activities designed to create and maintain safety, discipline, and drug-free environments.
- A crisis management plan for responding to violent or traumatic incidences on school grounds.
- A code of conduct for all students that states the responsibilities of students, teachers, and administrators.

The district enforces a tobacco-free campus policy and takes the following actions:

- Prohibits the use of tobacco products anywhere and anytime on district property or in district vehicles.
- Provides information about the policy and enforcement to staff, parents, students, and the community.
- Prominently displays signs prohibiting tobacco use at all entrances to school property.
- Make available to students and staff information about cessation support programs.

In compliance with state and federal laws, the district requires the expulsion for not less than one year of any student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school or to have possessed a firearm at school.

INSURANCE PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILD

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE. Palermo Union School District does not provide medical insurance coverage. Parents or guardians are responsible for their child's medical bills if he/she is hurt while participating in school activities. The Student Health Care and High Option 24-Hour Accident plan covers illness as well as injury, 24 hours a day. If your child has other health coverage, student insurance may be used to supplement those charges not covered. Applications are available at your school office. If you have questions or need help with the application, please call the plan administrator, Myers-Stevens (800) 827-4695. Bilingual help is available.

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTANCE USE AGREEMENT

The district provides Internet access to students. This connection allows access to sources of information important to a child's education. Student users are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with district' policy. Inappropriate use may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law.

Users are prohibited from accessing, posting, submitting, publishing or displaying harmful matter or material that is threatening, profane, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit, that advocates illegal acts or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs; threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff; upload or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm district equipment or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking"; interfere with other users or attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity; disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others. Copyrighted material shall be posted in accordance with applicable copyright laws and given proper credit. Penal Code 313. Board Policy 6163.4 available at the district office and district website www.palermoschools.org

All district computers have a protection measure that block Internet access to inappropriate matter. Student and parent /guardian agree to hold harmless the district and district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measure, violations of copyright restrictions, user negligence, or any damages or costs incurred by users.

PARENT ACCESS TO POWERSCHOOL

Parent access to the district's student information system, PowerSchool, is available. Parents may view lunch balance and transactions, attendance, public notices, teacher comments, and can link to teachers' email. If you are interested in obtaining a Password, please contact your school office.