

**PALERMO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

As the principal of Helen Wilcox School, I want to welcome you for the 2012/2013 school year. My staff and I are committed to ensure that our school's academic programs improve. However, progress in student achievement starts with daily school attendance and we believe this is everyone's responsibility. Education Code 48200 requires compulsory daily school attendance for students 6 to 18 years of age. The parent/guardian of the student must send a note and/or phone the school to clear any absences. Failure to excuse the absence results in a recorded truancy on the student's record. Excusable absences are allowed for the following reasons: Illness, Funeral for immediate family, Medical/dental, or Quarantine.

As required by law, schools send formal letters to the parents/guardians of students who accumulate **3 or more days of unexcused absences and/or tardies of 30 minutes or more**. These letters inform the family of a potential declaration of truant on your child's school record in accordance with Education Code 48260: Any student who is absent from school without a valid excuse three (3) full days in one school year or tardy in excess of 30 minutes without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one school year is deemed a truant. Education Code Section 48200 places the responsibility of a student's regular school attendance upon the parent/guardian. Education Code Section 48292: Provides for a criminal a complaint against parent/guardian for failure to send the student to school regularly and may be subject to prosecution and a possible fine.

Please review this attendance information with your child. The school's goal for 2012/2013 is to continue improving our student's school attendance. We appreciate your support.

Principal

TITLE IV: INDIAN EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Guardians

Students who have identifiable Native American Ancestry (blood-related) are eligible to participate in the district's Title VII: Indian Education Program.

If you would like your child to participate in the program, a completed "506 form" is required. Please indicate below if your child has Indian Ancestry and your tribe name and a form will be sent to you.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO HOMEROOM TEACHER

My child has Indian Ancestry: **Yes** **No** If yes, please provide name of Tribe _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Number of children registered in Preschool-8th grade in the Palermo Union School District: _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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TEACHERS: Please return Deena Marchel's mailbox