PALERMO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

In order to insure **the safety of all students** riding our school buses, it is requested that the **Bus Conduct Rules** and **Consequences for the Violation of Bus Conduct Rules** be carefully reviewed and discussed by both parents and students.

BUS CONDUCT RULES

1. Students shall be at their designated bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Crowding and pushing at the bus stop is prohibited.
2. Each student may be assigned a seat and shall not be permitted to move from the assigned seat except upon permission of the bus driver or the principal.
3. Students shall sit up in their seats and face the front of the bus keeping feet out of the aisle. Students are prohibited from standing up or being out of their seats while the bus is in motion. Only when the bus stops may students go to the exit.
4. Students are prohibited from putting any part of the body, head, or arms out of bus windows.
5. Students are prohibited from putting hands on or bullying another student or mistreating the property of another student.
6. The following are prohibited:
   a. Throwing objects (balls, paper, pencils, clothing, spit wads, shooting rubber bands, etc) will cause the immediate loss of bus privileges.
   b. Excessive noise (yelling, whistling, swearing, or playing musical instruments).
   c. Fighting or rough housing.
   d. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum.
   e. Glass jars, animals, or pets.
   f. Spitting
   g. Defacing or destroying school property
7. Whenever it is necessary for a student to cross a roadway when being taken home, he/she will wait outside the front door of the bus until directed by the bus driver to cross the street safely.
8. Students will not be allowed to get off at any stop other than their regular stop without a permission slip signed by their parent and approved by the school office.
9. If a student is going home with another student, a permission slip signed by the parents of both students and approved by the principal or designee is required.
10. Students damaging upholstery and equipment may be liable for cost and repair.
11. Students are under the **AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER**. Riders shall follow directions of the bus driver at all times. Persistent refusal to obey the Bus Conduct Rules shall be sufficient reason to deny transportation to a student.
12. If a student is excluded from riding the bus, the student will not be allowed to go on sports or field trips unless transported by the parent.
13. Touching of any controls or equipment on the bus (except emergency situations) will result in loss of bus privileges.

CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VIOLATION OF BUS CONDUCT RULES

FIRST VIOLATION	Warning by principal, notification of parent, discipline may be administered.
SECOND VIOLATION	Student may ride home that night, but will not be permitted on **ANY** bus for three (3) school days, and until the parents and student have had a conference with the principal.
THIRD VIOLATION	Exclusion from riding **ANY** bus for the remainder of the school year unless reinstated by the principal.
FOURTH VIOLATION	Automatic exclusion from riding **ANY** bus for **ANY** reason. (Minimum exclusion shall be until the last day of the trimester following the trimester in which the exclusion occurred).

Appointments for consideration of reinstatement may be scheduled with the principal by calling the school office between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Helen Wilcox & Honcut School: 533-7626 Golden Hills Elementary: 532-6000 Palermo School: 533-4708

*All students must have current Permission to Ride on file with the Transportation Department in order to ride any Palermo USD buses. Student bus stop/s are subject to transportation approval. *Please fill in and return bottom portion to your child's school.

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Name of Student School Attending Bus Route/s

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Resident Address

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Mailing Address if Different than Resident Address

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date Signature of Student

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