

A message from PALMYRA-EAGLE AREA SD

New Law Regarding School Buses

Under a new state regulation, school buses in Wisconsin must have amber lights to alert drivers that the bus is about to activate its flashing red warning lights while coming to a stop. The new regulation goes into effect on Aug. 16, 2016. The new amber warning light provision does not apply if the school bus body was manufactured prior to January 1, 2005.

This school year you will notice new, amber lights on most school buses. The purpose of the lights and a new Wisconsin State law that takes effect today is designed with the intent to alert motor vehicles when a bus begins to slow down prior to a stop where it will drop off or pick up children.

A link to a video describing what to watch for and what penalties might be for failing to adhere to the law is found below. Please copy and paste this link into your web browser for proper viewing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llpXv7ChbKk&feature=em-share_video_user

As always, the safety of our children is of primary importance as the new school year approaches. Please be more aware of children walking, riding a bicycle, or being transported to and from school in private vehicles or by school buses. Your attention to student safety is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven M. Bloom, District Administrator
Palmyra-Eagle Area School District