



PARTICIPANT RULES (DRIVERS AND TEACHERS)

Call: 1-800 MYBUDDY for Questions

1. All participants in the Trucker Buddy program are volunteers. Drivers must hold a valid commercial driver's license (CDL).
2. Trucker Buddy cannot guarantee the success of any pen pal match. Frequent and consistent correspondence with an assigned class is essential. Drivers should write to their class as often as possible for the entire school year (typically September through May). Students, through the direction of their teachers should write to the driver at least once a month. Failure to write on a consistent basis may result in your teacher/driver requesting a new assignment.
3. Teachers are responsible for managing all aspects of the students' involvement in the Trucker Buddy program. All activities are done strictly with the permission and supervision of the assigned teacher. All correspondence between a driver and students in an assigned class is to be opened and reviewed by the assigned teacher prior to distribution.
4. Any face-to-face meetings between the assigned teacher, driver, and class are the sole responsibility of the teacher, school district, and the driver. Trucker Buddy cannot, and does not, take responsibility for, and shall be held harmless from, the consequences of any unauthorized meetings or activities. Please read the Guidelines for a Classroom Visit.
5. Drivers and teachers will keep their class/driver assignment as long as they remain in the program and do not request a change. Teachers and drivers must, however, file a renewal form every year to remain in the Trucker Buddy program.
6. Drivers or teachers who experience a lapse in regular correspondence should contact our office. Teachers should remember that drivers are on the road for many days each month, and their driving schedules may change. If there has been a disruption in the writing pattern of your driver, it may simply be due to a route change.
7. Participants should immediately notify the Trucker Buddy office and their respective class/driver if their mailing/contact address changes.
8. Drivers and teachers in the program will receive newsletters during each school year.
9. Class assignments are not transferable. All drivers and teachers must apply through the Trucker Buddy office.
10. Abusive and offensive language is not permitted, and any violation will result in immediate removal from the program.
11. Final selection of class location is the sole responsibility of Trucker Buddy and selection is based on the availability of school assignments in the desired area.
12. Trucker Buddy classes are between grades 2-8. Exceptions will be made for special needs classes. Home schooled groups will be accepted on a case by case basis.