



## Trucker Buddy International

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# Teacher Application

Please complete ALL information.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Your school mailing address may be different from the physical address.

School Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level (Grades 2-8 accepted): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in class: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Ed:  Yes  No Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Dates your school year begins \_\_\_\_\_ and ends \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing/able to correspond by email? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing/able to correspond with a driver in another country? \_\_\_\_\_

If your students speak/read/write a foreign language, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in the Trucker Buddy program before? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Trucker Buddy? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a specific driver you would like to be your Trucker Buddy? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, name of driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Please have your

driver complete a driver application and list your name as the teacher. I have read and agree to adhere to the Trucker Buddy rules. If needed, I have obtained permission to participate from my school.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please

mail your application to address at the top or fax to 205-345-0958.

## **PARTICIPANT RULES (DRIVERS AND TEACHERS)**

1. 1. All participants in the Trucker Buddy program are volunteers. Drivers must hold a valid commercial driver's license (CDL).
2. 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 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. 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 teacher. All correspondence between a driver and students is to be opened and reviewed by the teacher prior to distribution.
4. 4. Any face-to-face meetings between the driver and students are the sole responsibility of the teacher, school district, and the driver. Drivers and teachers must adhere to our class visit guidelines. Trucker Buddy cannot, and does not, take responsibility for, and shall be held harmless from, the consequences of any such meetings or activities.
5. 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, complete and submit a renewal form every year to remain in the Trucker Buddy program.
6. 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. 7. Participants should immediately notify the Trucker Buddy office and their respective class/driver if their mailing/contact address changes.
8. 8. Drivers and teachers in the program will receive newsletters during each school year.
9. 9. Abusive and offensive language is not permitted, and any violation will result in immediate removal from the program.
10. 10. Final selection of class location is the sole responsibility of Trucker Buddy and selection is based on the availability of schools in the desired area.
11. 11. Trucker Buddy classes are between grades 2-8, and have no fewer than 5 students per class. Exceptions will be made on an individual basis.