

Mora Public Schools
Bus Driver Agreement/Assignment
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

Wages	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
Base Rate Bus Route	\$83.50	\$85.00
Rum River Route	67.00	70.00
Hourly Rate (includes field trips, extra-curricular, pre/post inspection trip, fuel, clean-up, pre-school & shuttle)	14.75	15.00
Plug-In Allowance	\$3.00/day "as needed" to a maximum of 20 days per year	

A route is defined as a Bus Driver's daily District driving assignment, mornings and afternoons on every student day. A driver defined as full-time, will drive mornings and afternoons every day (home pick-up to school and school to home). A route includes all stops assigned by the District.

After six (6) months of driving a regular route, the employee shall be released from probationary period.

Compensation and items related to a bus driver's assignment shall be determined through meetings between an authorized representative(s) of the District and selected representatives from the Bus Drivers every two years. The final agreement will be approved by the majority vote of the drivers.

Extra-curricular trips and field trips will be paid on an hourly basis. It is understood that certain extenuating circumstances can occur on a given trip. When that happens and it results in added time for the trip, appropriate compensation will be provided upon receipt of documentation of those circumstances from the driver.

Opportunities to drive for extra-curricular trips will be offered to all drivers on a rotating basis. An attempt will be made to given equal access to these trips to all drivers.

Regular route drivers will be allowed to drive for extra-curricular trips even when the trip demands that they miss their regular route as long as a sub driver for that route is available.

Drivers are bound by all laws and regulations determined by the Federal, State and local government agencies. They are, also, bound by this agreement/assignment document, School Board policy, and the procedures and regulations provided them by the District.

Bus use is for school district business only. When in operation, busses are to be used for student transportation on assigned routes. When the route is complete, the bus is to be returned to one of the described parking places.

While in the Mora School District, busses are to be parked on school district property or, with prior approval, at the home of the driver. As of January 1, 2013, these two descriptive locations are the only District approved sites for busses to be parked or left unattended. Violation of this policy will result in loss of 'home parking' privilege. If home parking privilege is revoked, the bus will be parked at the bus garage/transportation center. The driver will be expected to operate the route with the bus garage/transportation center as the start and finish point for the route. Prior written approval from the Transportation Director and the Superintendent will be required to regain home parking privilege.

Holidays: Drivers will receive 6 paid holidays per school year. Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day.

Physicals: Physicals will be paid for by the District at the prevailing rate for a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Physical on a schedule as required by law.

Sick Leave: Drivers will earn sick leave at the rate of one day for each month of service each school year (9 months). Sick Leave may accumulate to a maximum credit of ninety (90) days. A medical certificate may be required as evidence of illness, but final determination of eligibility is reserved to the District.

Sick Leave Buy Back: Employees with an accumulated minimum of forty-five (45) days of unused sick leave as of June 30 of each year may sell the remaining unused days earned in the prior twelve-month period to the District. The days will be purchased at 100% of the base rate up to a maximum total of \$4000 in any one year.

Sick leave pool:

- a. A sick leave pool is available for use by a regular route driver experiencing a long-term, catastrophic illness of the individual driver.
- b. Request for use of the sick leave pool days must be made in writing to the Superintendent. A medical certificate must be provided upon application for use of the sick leave pool.
- c. Acceptance or denial of use of the sick leave pool will be made by the Superintendent and given in writing to the individual requesting the use.
- d. In order to donate hours to the pool, drivers must have a minimum of 45 sick days accumulated. Each driver may donate up to 5 days of his/her accumulated sick days to the pool each year.
- e. A maximum of 25 days may be donated to the pool in one school year.
- f. Any unused days would not be returned to the individuals who contributed and unused hours will not be carried over to the next year.

Emergency Leave: Up to five days of sick leave may be requested of the Superintendent, in writing, for use in cases of death or critical illness in the immediate family (wife, husband, siblings, parents, in-laws) of the employee or his/her spouse. Others may be included if it is determined that the relationship is equivalent to a member of the immediate family.

Personal Leave: Full-time drivers shall be granted two (2) days per year, non-accumulative, of personal leave deducted from sick leave. All requests for personal leave must be made in writing to the Superintendent.

Family Leave/Allowable Leave: An employee may be granted a family leave, without pay, in the case of child care, or extended family illness, by submitting a written request to the Superintendent at least three months prior to the starting date of the leave. The request shall include the anticipated beginning and ending dates of the leave. In granting the leave, the District shall consider the best interests of the District and its children. This leave shall not exceed a twelve-month period. Upon returning from this leave the employee shall be reassigned to a position comparable to his/her prior position, unless he/she is physically and/or mentally unable to perform the duties of that position.

Other Leaves of Absence: Unless an emergency situation arises, leave requests not outlined in this assignment document will be considered only on an individual basis with the following restrictions:

1. Application for the leave must be made in writing to the Superintendent of Schools at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the leave.
2. All leaves are subject to the availability of an adequate, qualified substitute driver.
3. The number of drivers on leave, and duration and frequency of leaves, will be limited.
4. All leaves are subject to the approval of the School Board.

Vacancies: Vacancies will be posted in the bus garage by the District Office to allow drivers an opportunity to apply for a change of route.

Complaints/Grievances: Complaints/grievances not handled informally with the direct supervisor should be addressed in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will respond in writing within ten (10) working days. The final step, if necessary, is to present the concern in writing to the School Board. The driver may discuss the concern with the Board, if the Board deems it necessary.

Comparable Worth: In the event the District's Comparable Worth Plan is not found to be in compliance, the pay rate for the affected job rating will be adjusted as necessary.

Workers Compensation: The District and the employee will follow all Federal and State requirements for Workers Compensation.

Jury Duty: Drivers serving jury duty during their assigned bus-driving duty hours shall receive their regular daily compensation from the District. Upon receipt of jury duty pay, the driver shall immediately remit the endorsed check to the District, if the compensation is for assigned duty hours.

School Closings/Late Starts/Early Releases: In the event school is closed on a regularly scheduled day, drivers will make up the day when the regularly scheduled school day is made up. In the event the day is not made up, the driver will receive two hours 'call off' pay. The rate of 'call off' pay will be equivalent to the hourly rate for field trips and extracurricular events. When there is a late start or early release, routes will begin at the time appropriate to start such start or release.

Jackets: The District will provide 75% of the cost for a District-approved jacket up to a contribution of \$60 maximum per driver, once every 5 years.

Plug-In Allowance: The District will pay those drivers who bring their buses home and plug them in during the wintertime at the rate described above.

Meal Allowance: For the 2016-2018 school years, an amount of \$9 will be allowed for a meal allowance for the first four hours of continuous trip driving. An additional allowance of \$9 will be allowed for eight hours of trip driving.

Mandated Training: Time spent in mandated training would be compensated at the hourly rate.

This Agreement/Assignment is in effect July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018.

Mora School Bus Drivers

Independent School District 332, Mora


Representative


School Board Vice Chair


Representative


Clerk


Representative

Dated: 5-27-16

Dated: 5-26-16