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**TO:** District Superintendents  
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District Transportation Supervisors  
SCDE County and Area Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** 2016-2017 School Year South Carolina School Bus Driver Wage Scale Guideline

The following is the FY 2017 School Bus Driver Salary Wage Scale Guideline. The State Department of Education recommends this pay scale as a guide to help school districts in determining local school bus driver wages for the 2016-2017 school year.

<i>Years Experience</i>	<i>FY 2017 DRIVER PAY SCALE</i>
0	\$7.70
1	\$7.72
2	\$7.74
3	\$7.76
4	\$7.93
5	\$8.07
6	\$8.24
7	\$8.41
8	\$8.60
9	\$8.77
10	\$8.95
11	\$9.13
12	\$9.31
13	\$9.49
14	\$9.67
15	\$9.86
16	\$10.07
17	\$10.26
18	\$10.47
19	\$10.69
20	\$10.89
21	\$11.11
22+	\$11.32

**\*NOTE:** Driver experience as of July 1, 2010. One year's experience is equal to performing the duties of a State-funded school bus driver for at least 152 days in a single school year including summer school.