



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Transportation Supervisors
School Business Officials
SCDE County Supervisors

FROM: Dennis Meyers, Program Manager
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DATE: August 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Allocation of Funds for the Use of Aides on Buses Transporting
Students with Disabilities

The General Assembly has appropriated funding to supplement the costs of employing aides on school buses for FY 2012-2013. The funds for this program are distributed based upon the following formula. Districts with five (5) or more Special Needs buses will receive one aide slot for every five (5) Special Needs buses (rounded down to the nearest whole number) operated by the district multiplied by a funding rate established as outlined in the State Funding Manual. Districts with less than five (5) Special Needs buses will receive one (1) aide slot multiplied by a funding rate established as outlined in the State Funding Manual not to exceed the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.

The Office of Transportation strongly recommends that aides be certified as school bus drivers.

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