



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
School District Business Officials
School District Transportation Officials
Area and County Supervisors

FROM: Bill Tindal
Director of Business and District Services

DATE: July 19, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 School Year South Carolina School Bus Driver Wage Scale Guideline

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) presents this pay scale as a guide to help districts in determining local school bus driver wages for the 2023-2024 school year.

Years of Experience	2023-2024 DRIVER PAY SCALE	Years of Experience	2023-2024 DRIVER PAY SCALE
0	\$11.39	12	\$13.78
1	\$11.42	13	\$14.05
2	\$11.45	14	\$14.31
3	\$11.49	15	\$14.59
4	\$11.75	16	\$14.90
5	\$11.95	17	\$15.20
6	\$12.19	18	\$15.50
7	\$12.45	19	\$15.82
8	\$12.73	20	\$16.12
9	\$12.99	21	\$16.44
10	\$13.24	22+	\$16.77
11	\$13.51		

As of July 1, 2010, one year of experience is equal to performing the duties of an SCDE-certified school bus driver for at least 152 days in a single school year, including summer school.

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