



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Bill Tindal  
Assistant Director, Business and District Services, Office of Transportation

**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**RE:** School Year 2024 - 2025 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 2024-2025 school year.

Years of Experience	2024-2025 DRIVER PAY SCALE	Years of Experience	2024-2025 DRIVER PAY SCALE
0	\$11.65	12	\$14.09
1	\$11.68	13	\$14.37
2	\$11.71	14	\$14.63
3	\$11.75	15	\$14.92
4	\$12.01	16	\$15.24
5	\$12.22	17	\$15.54
6	\$12.46	18	\$15.85
7	\$12.73	19	\$16.18
8	\$13.02	20	\$16.48
9	\$13.28	21	\$16.81
10	\$13.54	22+	\$17.14
11	\$13.82		

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.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [btindal@ed.sc.gov](mailto:btindal@ed.sc.gov).

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