

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Bill Tindal
Director of Business and Routing Services

DATE: July 22, 2025

RE: SY2025 - 2026 Driver Pay Scale

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 2025-2026 school year.

Years of Experience	2025-2026 DRIVER PAY SCALE	Years of Experience	2025-2026 DRIVER PAY SCALE
0	\$11.88	12	\$14.37
1	\$11.91	13	\$14.66
2	\$11.94	14	\$14.92
3	\$11.99	15	\$15.22
4	\$12.25	16	\$15.54
5	\$12.46	17	\$15.85
6	\$12.71	18	\$16.17
7	\$12.98	19	\$16.50
8	\$13.28	20	\$16.81
9	\$13.55	21	\$17.15
10	\$13.81	22+	\$17.48
11	\$14.10		

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.