

J. D. Lever Elementary School

2404 Columbia Highway
Aiken, SC 29805

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	539 Students	
Principal	Cathy Ellis	803-641-2760
Superintendent	Dr. Elizabeth Everitt	803-641-2428
Board Chair	Mrs. Rosemary B. English	803-648-1128

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Below Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

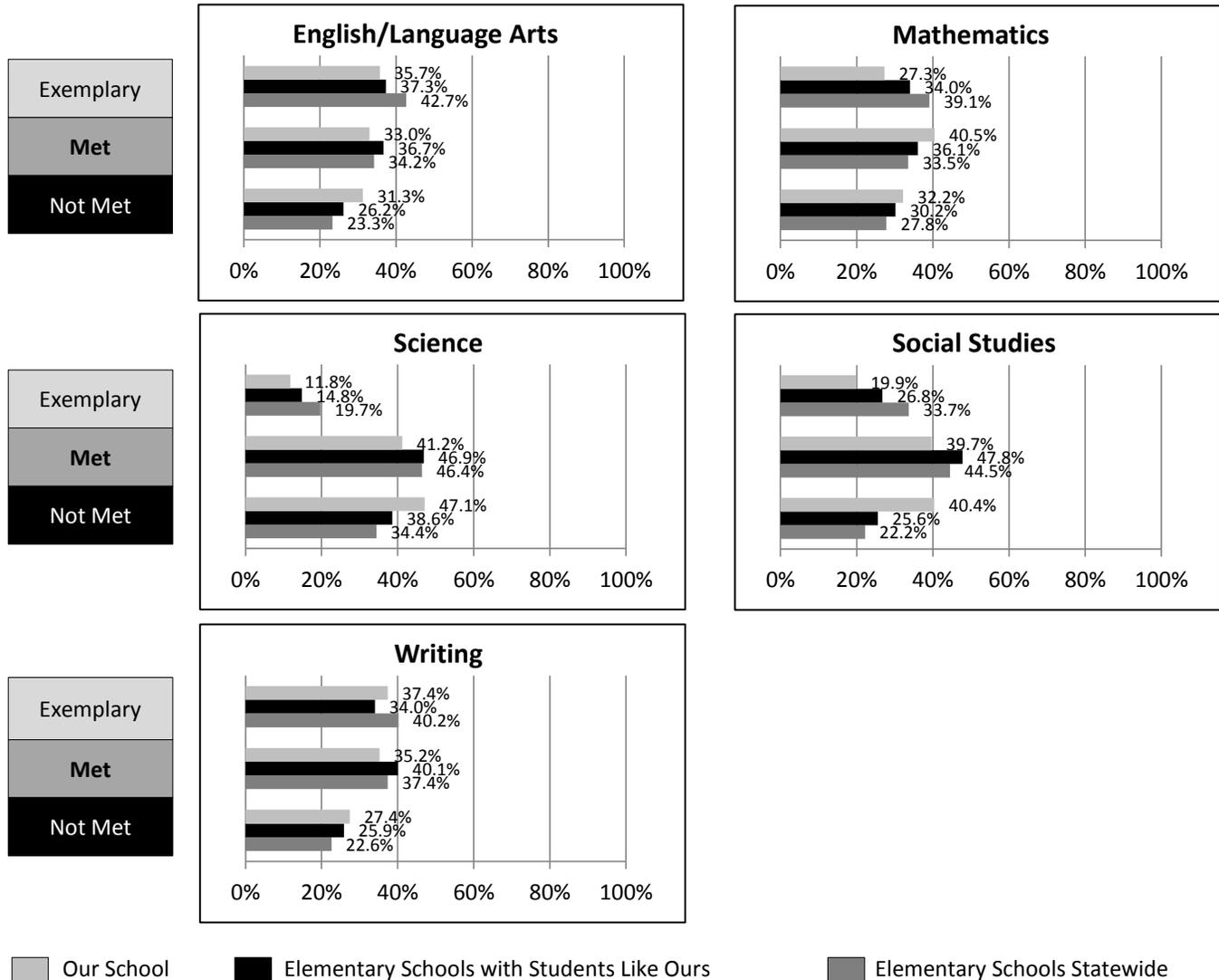
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 95.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
18	21	93	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 539)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.3%	Up from 0.7%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.0%	Down from 6.7%	5.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.6%	Down from 12.8%	13.8%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Up from 1.8%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 59.0%	61.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	94.3%	Up from 87.2%	80.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1%	Up from 89.3%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.3%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,839	Up 2.1%	\$47,824	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Down from 10.8 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 15.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.8 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 89.3%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,290	Down 1.7%	\$7,714	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.5%	Down from 70.0%	65.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.1%	Up from 65.0%	65.0%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

J.D. Lever Elementary is a Title-One, family- friendly, community centered school that involves all stakeholders in the education of our children. Our main focus is on student achievement through a technology infused, standards based curriculum. Students are assessed using Compass Learning, MAP, Dominie, and PASS to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses of individual students as well as to guide our instructional planning. Reading Recovery and a Reading Intervention Program are offered to help qualifying students in grades K5, first and second. Qualifying students in third, fourth and fifth grades receive additional instruction in the areas of Math and Reading.

We continue to work in conjunction with USC-Aiken through our onsite Professional Development School (PDS). This program offers assistance to individual students, special training and support for the faculty and unique teaching experiences for our “future teachers.” The collaboration provides meaningful opportunities for teacher candidates to be immersed in “real life” experiences as they work hand in hand with partner teachers to meet the needs of our students.

J.D Lever has a very active Parent/Teacher Organization. PTO and the school community work tirelessly to help JDLES move forward in meeting the purpose and direction of our school. Through the financial support from the PTO and a contribution from the office of the State Treasurer, iPads have been placed in each classroom. We continue to work to increase the availability of technology throughout the building for our students, faculty and staff. Additionally, teachers have written and received numerous grants resulting in over \$11,500 to develop outdoor, hands-on learning areas for our students.

The challenging academic programs being presented to students and the professional development to support teachers in creating more rigorous and integrated lesson activities has sparked a new surge in innovation. Through grants received, we are currently developing outdoor learning areas to allow our students the opportunity to learn through more hands-on, project based activities. The increase in technology obtainment and integration has also improved the motivation and engagement of both students and teachers. The excitement levels will continue to foster more learning experiences that will prepare our children to be responsible students who are college and career ready.

Our efforts to strengthen school and community relations have resulted in a drastic increase with parent and community involvement over the past year. Parent and community commitment was evident by the outpouring of support and attendance at the many events sponsored by our school throughout the year. Some of the most notable events have been Grandparents Day, Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Winter and Spring Arts-Fest, Parent Technology Night, and Family Literacy Night. The emphasis on parent and community involvement has allowed us to rekindle partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

We are very proud of the accomplishments and the successes of our school and community. Our achievements can be attributed to our students, the support of parents, faculty, staff, our active PTO, and School Improvement Council (SIC), Student Intervention Team (SIT), and district support.

Cathy Ellis, Principal

Jenny Edwards, SIC Chair-person

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	84	49
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.4%	93.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	95.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.0%	82.9%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	71.9
Overall Grade Conversion	C

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

J. D. Lever Elementary School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.9%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	629.8	627.9	610.4	619.4	99.6	100.0	98.8
Male	628.6	628.8	620.1	621.2	99.2	100.0	97.6
Female	631.1	626.9	601.3	617.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	640.4	637.1	628.3	623.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	607.8	604.2	581.7	606.9	98.8	100.0	96.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	587.2	576.6	N/A	584.6	100.0	100.0	96.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.9	615.8	597.3	608.6	99.5	100.0	98.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	85	643.0	100.0	85	619.6	100.0
4	98	635.6	98.0	98	643.7	98.0	
5	101	631.8	100.0	101	617.0	100.0	
6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	44	615.7	100.0	41	625.8	100.0
	4	95	618.0	97.9	98	643.5	98.0
	5	52	602.4	96.2	49	616.8	95.9
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	71	634.4	98.6	72	617.9	100.0
4	84	624.8	100.0	84	634.1	100.0	
5	96	630.6	100.0	96	629.7	100.0	
6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	36	621.2	97.3	34	606.6	97.1
	4	84	608.3	100.0	84	629.5	100.0
	5	48	606.0	98.0	46	610.3	97.9
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District) 4/27/2015 0201022

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	638.8	636.1	614.1	632.5	99.7	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	634.3	635.8	614.3	634.2	99.7	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	643.6	636.3	613.9	630.6	99.8	99.7	99.4	N/A
White	651.8	648.9	628.0	641.9	99.8	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	619.2	616.1	593.3	616.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.6	671.3	640.6	656.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	627.7	625.3	602.5	628.7	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	588.9	585.0	573.3	594.3	98.8	98.8	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.0	626.3	600.7	628.6	99.8	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.9	621.2	600.7	620.8	99.7	99.7	99.4	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	623.1	622.4	624.6	623.6	99.5	99.5	99.6	N/A
Male	616.4	621.5	624.6	626.2	99.4	99.4	99.4	N/A
Female	630.7	623.4	624.7	620.9	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
White	637.1	634.3	640.3	634.7	99.5	99.5	99.5	N/A
African American	602.8	605.0	602.0	605.9	99.5	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	650.3	662.9	644.3	665.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	617.5	615.6	617.2	624.7	99.8	99.8	99.3	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.8	96.8	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	571.8	579.8	581.5	585.5	98.6	98.7	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	611.1	615.8	615.3	625.5	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.9	607.9	609.8	609.9	99.3	99.3	99.4	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.9	224.0	82.4	74.1	99.0	99.2	100.0	82.8
Male	226.8	224.8	82.6	75.9	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.2
Female	233.3	223.1	82.4	72.5	99.3	99.6	100.0	87.8
White	236.3	231.1	86.5	77.5	99.0	99.2	100.0	87.9
African American	219.8	211.7	76.5	68.4	98.8	99.3	100.0	75.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.0
Hispanic	224.8	220.0	78.0	73.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	79.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.6	196.2	66.6	65.3	97.2	97.2	100.0	38.3
Limited English Proficient	216.7	216.2	75.8	68.8	100.0	98.5	100.0	68.1
Subsidized Meals	220.9	213.5	77.0	70.0	98.8	99.3	100.0	74.1
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

	Our School
Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments	0

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