

Bethune Elementary School

302 Norwood Street East
Bethune, SC 29009

Grades K-5 Elementary School
Enrollment 101 Students
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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	Good	Excellent
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	Good

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

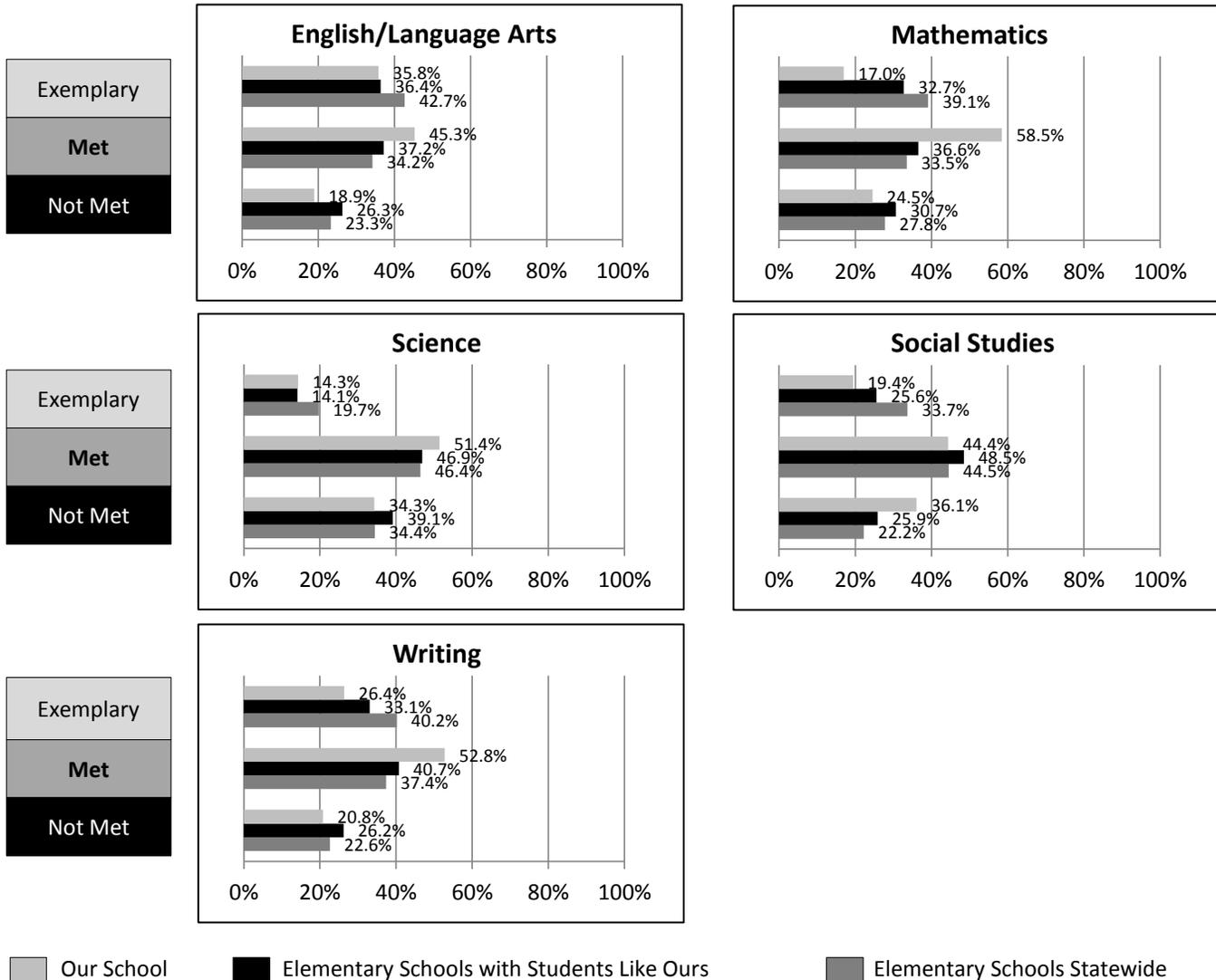
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
16	16	98	5	0

* 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 = 101)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	3.0%	Up from 2.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.0%	Down from 5.0%	5.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.8%	Up from 16.0%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 8)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	No change	61.1%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	100.0%	No change	80.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.1%	Down from 92.6%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 95.4%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,685	Up 1.9%	\$47,703	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	1.3 days	Down from 5.2 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Up from 17.2 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.4%	Up from 90.7%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.1%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,174	Down 26.7%	\$7,756	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	No change	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.5%	Up from 60.0%	65.2%	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

At Bethune Elementary, our faculty and staff strive to “Discover the Gifts of Every Child.” The mission of Bethune Elementary School is to expand our views of the future by challenging ourselves educationally and personally, always keeping our goals set high. All of our stakeholders at Bethune Elementary are focused on this mission.

The 2013-2014 year was full of many successes for our school. In 2013 Bethune Elementary received an “A” on the Federal Accountability Report. This means that the academic performance at Bethune Elementary substantially exceeded the state’s expectations. This is the second year in a row that Bethune Elementary has received an “A”. In 2013 Bethune Elementary was named a Palmetto Gold Award winning school for general performance. Bethune Elementary was named a Title I Reward School of Performance in 2013. We received an Absolute Rating of Good and a Growth Rating of Excellent on our SC Report Card.

The 100 Book Challenge was successfully implemented in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Students in these grades logged over 3,500 hours of reading at home. Our school library circulated over 10,000 books to students this school year. We continue to use SuccessMaker and Math IXL software in the computer lab to provide students with the opportunity to focus on academic areas that need improvement. Learning A to Z is used to provide small group reading focus time to our struggling readers at each grade level. Student writing was recognized with our Principal’s Showcase and our monthly Authors Tea. All of our students participated in the Kershaw County 4H program.

The professional development for our staff focused on Literacy across all grade levels. The Literacy Matters program provided teachers with reading and writing coaching. Teachers focused on using data from STAR and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) to individualize instruction. Technology is integrated into the classroom through the use of laptops, iPads, interactive whiteboards and document cameras. Our computer lab was fully refurbished with new desktops and headphones. Jennifer Oglesby was our Reading Teacher of the Year, and Julie Pigg was our Teacher of the Year.

Our PTO, SIC, and community are a vital part of the success of our school. Several events such as our Veterans Program, Christmas Musical, and Valentine’s Dance were successful due to the hard work of the PTO, parent volunteers, and staff. Our community volunteers were integral in helping with our AR and PBIS celebrations this year. Events such as Grits for Grandparents, Donuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms allowed our students to celebrate their families. In 2013 Bethune received the 4H Butterfly garden grant and a Target field trip grant.

As we head into the 2014-15 school year, we plan to remain focused on literacy and individualized student instruction. We will continue to create a safe and nurturing environment for all of our students. The faculty and staff at Bethune Elementary are dedicated to preparing our students for academic and personal success.

David Branham Jr., Principal

Nicole Ritchie, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	11	7
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	-4.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.9%	-4.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0%	90.9%	-4.0%

* 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	84.2
Overall Grade Conversion	B

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)

Bethune Elementary School has been designated as a:

X	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.
	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	2.6	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	635.4	620.2	611.5	621.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	645.3	627.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.5	613.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
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	17	648.0	100.0	17	622.0	100.0
4	14	650.1	100.0	14	648.4	100.0	
5	16	649.1	100.0	16	667.8	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	10	631.9	I/S	7	I/S	I/S	
4	14	619.4	100.0	14	657.6	100.0	
5	8	I/S	I/S	8	I/S	I/S	
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	20	635.2	100.0	20	608.8	100.0
4	18	641.4	100.0	18	632.2	100.0	
5	15	628.5	100.0	15	621.2	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	10	601.3	100.0	10	590.2	100.0	
4	18	630.6	100.0	18	641.1	100.0	
5	7	I/S	100.0	8	I/S	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	

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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 2801011

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	645.4	642.3	623.9	638.0	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Male	641.5	643.1	625.7	641.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	649.5	641.6	622.0	634.2	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
White	655.2	654.1	636.0	646.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	625.1	617.4	599.9	619.5	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	637.0	633.9	608.1	627.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	609.8	603.5	592.0	612.2	99.1	99.7	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	640.8	637.5	613.7	627.9	100.0	100.0	98.5	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	627.5	611.2	625.1	99.9	100.0	99.8	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	633.3	633.4	641.0	639.0	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Male	626.7	631.2	640.8	641.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	640.7	635.9	641.1	636.0	99.9	100.0	99.7	N/A
White	643.7	643.3	653.0	647.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	611.0	611.7	615.0	618.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	626.0	625.3	627.9	642.0	99.2	100.0	98.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	576.1	589.9	593.6	595.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.3	622.7	625.8	634.6	98.9	100.0	98.3	N/A
Subsidized Meals	616.9	618.1	625.2	624.6	99.9	100.0	99.8	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	229.8	221.0	81.6	75.5	99.8	99.6	100.0	82.4
Male	227.0	221.7	81.6	76.4	100.0	99.8	100.0	78.7
Female	232.8	220.4	81.5	74.6	99.5	99.5	100.0	86.9
White	234.6	226.7	84.1	77.0	99.6	99.4	100.0	86.1
African American	219.5	208.4	75.5	72.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	224.5	218.9	82.4	71.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	54.2
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	207.8	201.0	70.7	68.5	100.0	98.6	100.0	44.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	222.6	212.8	77.1	71.9	99.8	99.5	100.0	71.5
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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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 2801011

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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