



Newberry Middle School

125 O'Neal Street
Newberry, SC 29108

Grades 6-8 Middle School
Enrollment 650 Students
Principal Kelli P. Farmer 803-321-2640
Superintendent Bennie Bennett 803-321-2600
Board Chair Jody Hamm 803-276-7552

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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.

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

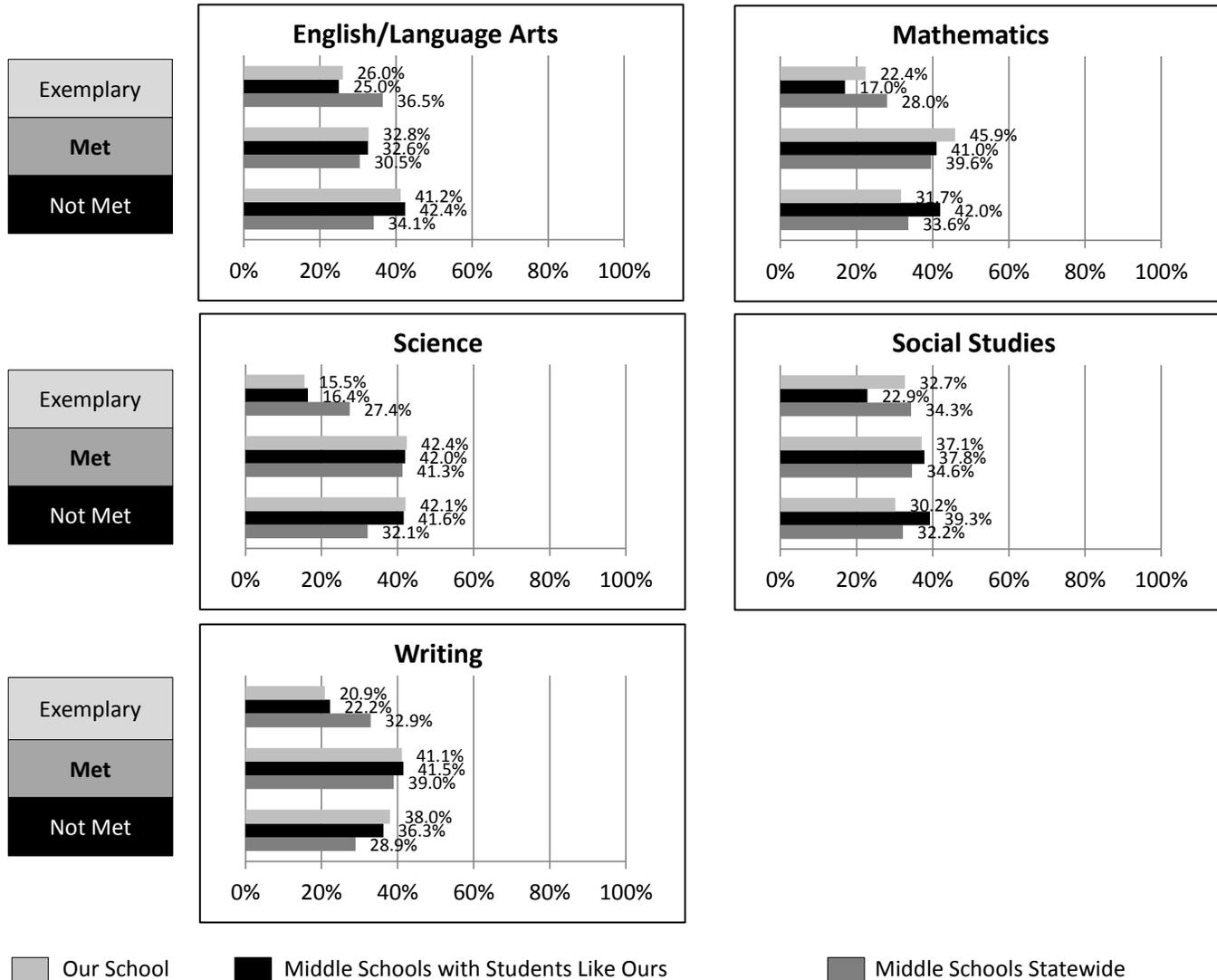
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	42	15	1

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

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle 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

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 650)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.2%	Down from 22.4%	18.4%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.0%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.0%	Up from 94.8%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.7%	No change	13.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.2%	Up from 11.4%	14.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.2%	Down from 6.4%	5.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.2%	Up from 1.3%	0.9%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.2%	Up from 62.5%	57.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.9%	Up from 75.0%	70.4%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 88.7%	83.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.3%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,378	Up 0.2%	\$46,562	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	17.3 days	Up from 11.2 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Down from 20.6 to 1	19.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 89.5%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.3%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,241	Up 8.9%	\$8,294	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	60.3%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.1%	Up from 64.0%	58.9%	61.3%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	96.3%
English 1	100.0%	93.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	95.8%

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

NMS continued to uphold a standard and expectation of excellence. All decisions and actions were based upon our motto, "Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it". Our school did not accept excuses for any socio-economic challenges, so we proudly continued to see success in the classroom, the arts, athletics, and the community.

Forming positive family and community relationships continued to be a top priority. We accomplished this through partnerships with Be Great Academy, Book It Readers, Making Middle Grades Work, Community Readers, Newberry Sheriff's Department, Newberry Opera House, Operation Get Smart, and Newberry College/RETAIN program. We held the following activities for students/families: Literacy Fair, Math Carnival, 6th grade Transition Night, Mr./Ms. NMS pageants, nursing home visits, Veterans Day program, NMS Talent Show, Career Day, cultural events, Breakfast with the Principal, monthly PTO meetings, and No Name Calling Week events. NMS began a mentor/mentee program that paired students with an adult in our own building.

We experienced success in the classroom by promoting weekly content collaboration meetings with teachers. Math and ELA teachers attended monthly professional development as we incorporated Common Core standards. Each nine weeks, our students participated in goal setting and data analysis through individual student data folders. NMS offered morning, afternoon, and lunch-time tutoring, and our 6th grade students enjoyed our Breakfast Library while awaiting the start of school. NMS became a phase I STEM school, incorporating PLTW curriculum through our Gateway to Technology classes. We utilized both math and ELA enrichment computer labs for students that needed extra practice in these content areas. All classes incorporated literacy, interactive technology, and differentiated instruction. Students had access to 7 computer labs and 2 mobile computer labs as well as 3 science labs with science kits.

We experienced success on the athletic field. NMS had two undefeated teams, our girls' basketball team and our 7th grade football team. All athletic teams boasted winning seasons. Character education was infused in our team practices.

Our chorus and band programs received excellent ratings and continued to see growth in the programs. The community enjoyed a musical, two band concerts at the Newberry Opera House, and two chorus concerts at NMS.

We continued to give back to our community through United Way, Hoops for Heart, Relay for Life, and Manna House. NMS was named a Heart Healthy Work Place.

At NMS, we continue to live out our motto of "Whatever it takes, our kids ARE worth it"!

Kelli P. Farmer, Principal

Jerry Young, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	171	74
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.2%	79.5%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.0%	81.4%	83.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.0%	89.4%	68.0%

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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

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	73.7
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)

Newberry Middle 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	0	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.0%	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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample

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 6-8							
All Students	613.7	622.9	613.4	632.6	99.5	99.8	99.8
Male	602.8	618.0	609.0	632.4	100.0	100.0	99.6
Female	625.3	628.1	618.2	632.8	99.0	99.7	100.0
White	644.1	647.9	645.4	653.6	100.0	100.0	99.0
African American	599.9	610.9	598.3	622.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	617.5	628.4	622.3	638.7	97.3	99.1	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	566.5	578.9	573.3	591.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	610.2	622.5	618.6	632.4	98.8	98.8	100.0
Subsidized Meals	605.5	616.4	605.6	626.8	99.8	99.8	99.7
Migrant	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

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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
6	214	615.6	99.5	214	617.0	99.5	
7	229	620.2	100.0	229	615.5	100.0	
8	233	618.5	99.6	233	619.1	100.0	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
6	106	597.8	98.1	108	654.1	98.2	
7	229	623.6	100.0	229	628.3	100.0	
8	117	619.3	99.2	115	635.2	99.1	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	213	612.3	100.0	213	618.1	99.5	
7	209	608.0	99.5	210	619.5	100.0	
8	222	620.7	99.1	223	630.9	99.6	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	108	604.0	99.1	104	647.0	99.0	
7	210	611.0	100.0	210	617.9	100.0	
8	108	627.4	100.0	114	647.5	99.1	

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

NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District) 4/27/2015 3601020

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	632.1	639.8	622.9	640.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	624.8	636.9	620.3	639.9	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	639.3	642.6	625.6	640.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
White	649.9	660.6	645.9	654.4	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
African American	611.2	612.8	594.0	620.0	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	618.7	629.2	612.9	635.2	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	589.5	590.2	581.6	603.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	616.0	629.0	612.5	634.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	618.3	623.4	606.4	626.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	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	621.7	631.7	629.2	639.1	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	612.9	629.0	627.2	640.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	631.1	634.6	631.3	637.5	99.5	99.8	100.0	N/A
White	641.6	650.0	652.9	655.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
African American	598.1	609.1	599.7	617.6	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	616.6	630.6	627.0	640.8	98.2	99.4	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	570.7	584.3	582.8	594.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	609.2	625.6	623.5	637.0	99.2	99.2	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.6	616.9	612.7	627.0	99.9	99.9	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	225.9	218.7	76.1	71.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.3
Male	220.5	216.7	75.5	72.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.4
Female	231.9	220.9	76.9	71.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.4
White	232.2	225.9	80.1	76.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.8
African American	217.1	208.2	71.1	66.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	227.5	221.5	75.5	70.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	82.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	206.7	200.3	66.4	66.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	62.7
Limited English Proficient	224.7	216.6	73.7	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	78.6
Subsidized Meals	221.1	213.1	73.2	69.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	77.3
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

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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 3601020

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

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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

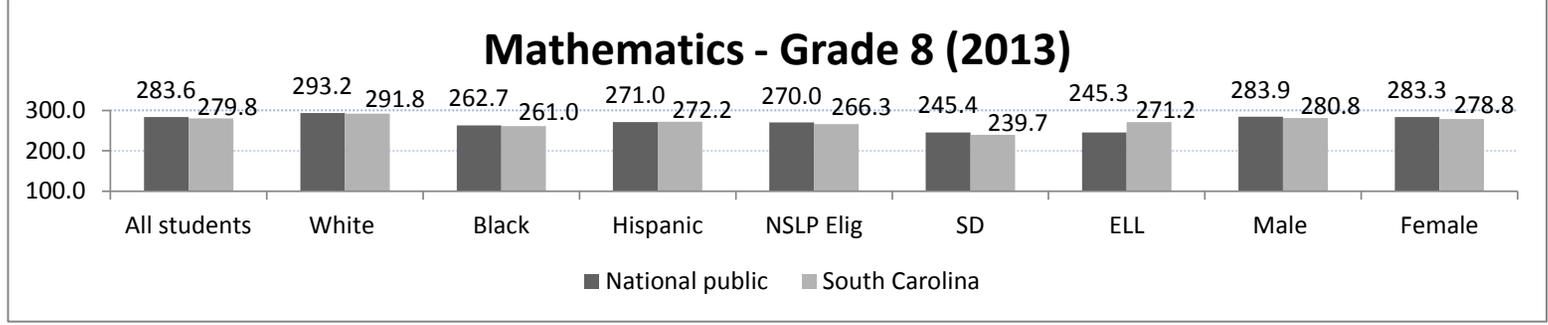
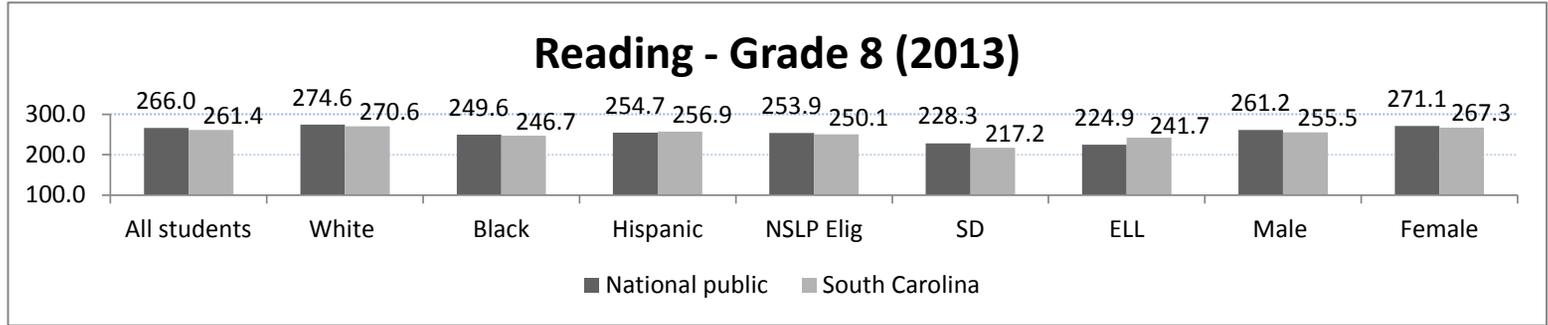
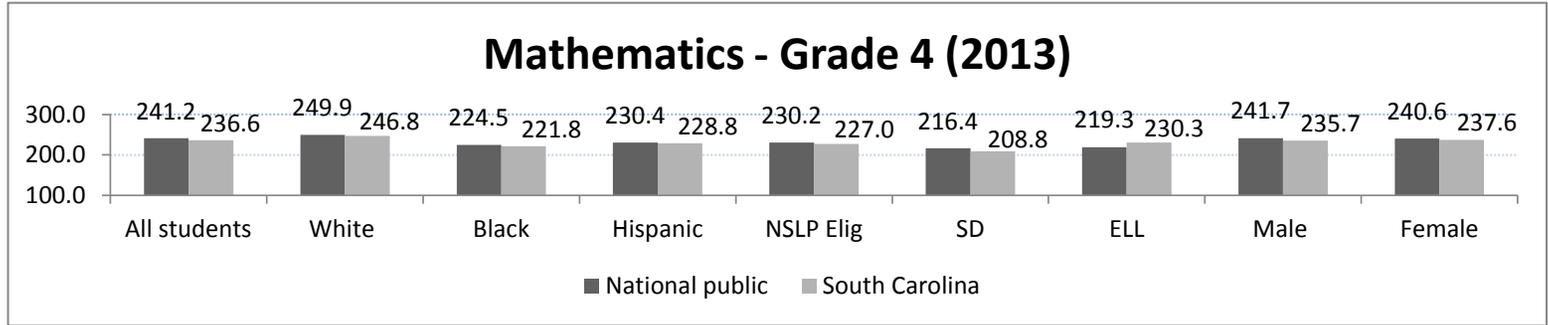
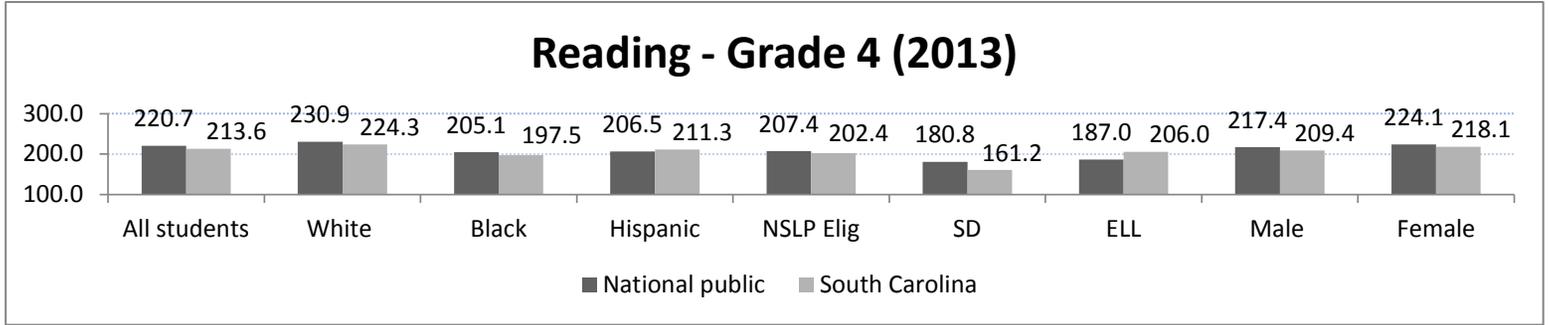
N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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	1

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample