

Diamond Hill Elementary

104 Lake Secession Road
Abbeville, SC 29620

Grades	PK-7 Elementary School	
Enrollment	299 Students	
Principal	Todd Ramey	864-446-2600
Superintendent	Dr. Sharon Wall, Interim	864-366-5427
Board Chair	Tim Rhodes	864-378-5585

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Excellent	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

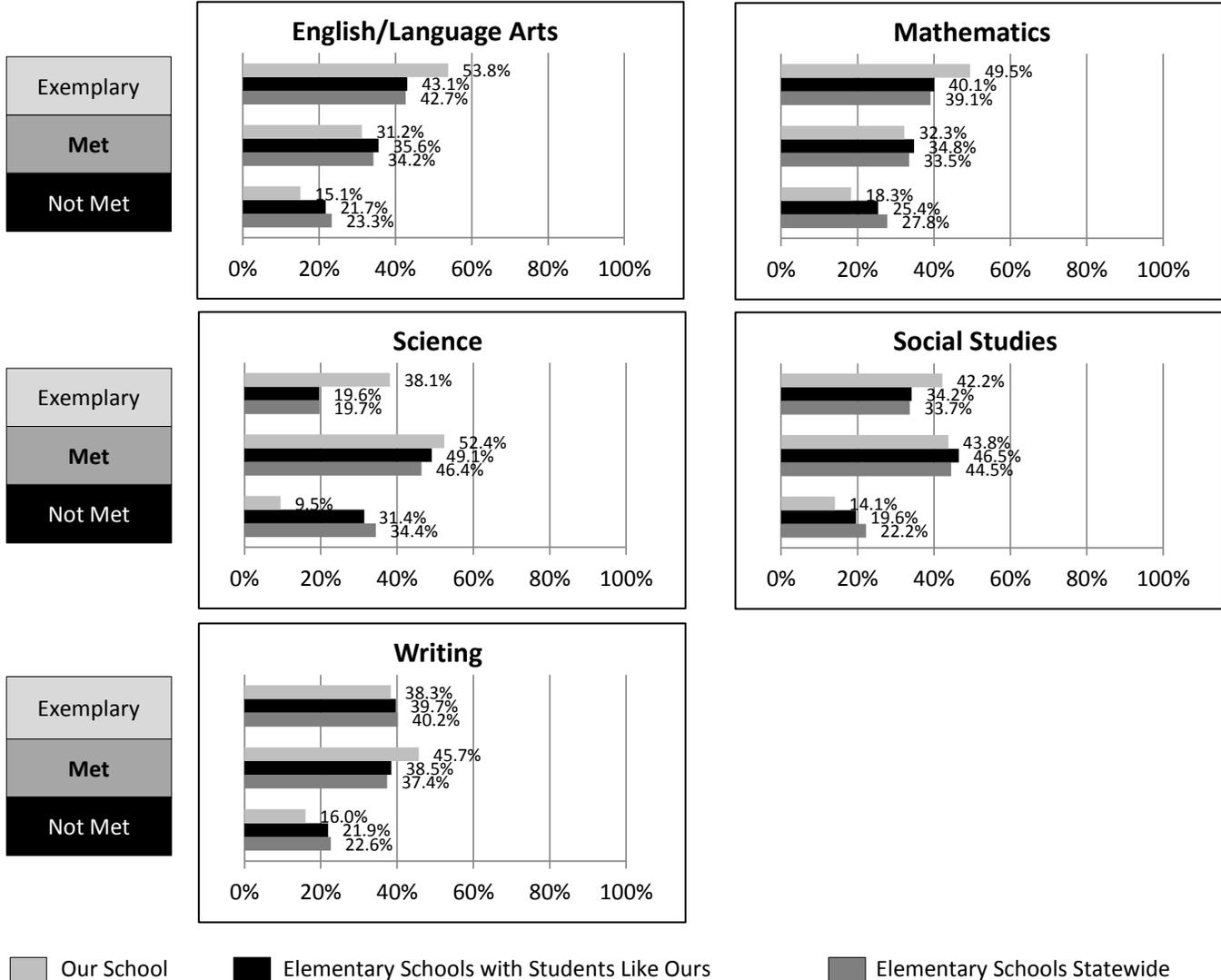
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 93.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
27	53	42	2	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 = 299)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 97.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.8%	No change	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 97.2%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.3%	Down from 16.7%	7.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	15.6%	Up from 14.7%	13.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Down from 4.0%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 59.1%	60.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	95.2%	Up from 90.9%	83.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.9%	Down from 91.1%	89.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 95.5%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,252	Up 1.5%	\$48,238	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	5.0 days	Down from 7.6 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.6 to 1	Down from 18.0 to 1	19.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 92.0%	90.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.1%	Down from 99.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,598	Up 0.2%	\$7,414	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.5%	Up from 68.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.2%	Up from 67.0%	66.5%	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

Diamond Hill, “a great place to shine”, is located in a great and shining community. Being located in the middle of the “Nation” community in Abbeville County, family values and pride are ingredients that drive all members of our school family to be the best!

The students are truly the heart and soul of our school, and this is shown in the pride they take in their work and the great facility that we have here. In the classroom, our faculty and staff are second to none! The dedication and love that they give to these children will last a lifetime. The former students returning to visit faculty and staff are a testament to that.

Diamond Hill Elementary School is a rural school with a population of approximately 300 students in grades four-year-old kindergarten through seven. The ethnicity of the school is 91% Caucasian, 8% African American, 1% other. The socioeconomic status of our families is in the range of low to middle income. We have 65% of our students on free or reduced meals.

Our mission is, “Challenging students everyday to be a shining success in school and in life.” Our plan for school wide reform was designed to develop critical thinking skills, integrated communication skills, active student participation in school and community activities, uniqueness of individuals, and lifelong learning. We strive to both strengthen and accelerate student learning in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. We will implement effective interventions to enhance the daily learning environment for all students, as well as build a positive climate for their success. At Diamond Hill Elementary, we believe that the most powerful learning comes when children develop a true understanding of concepts through higher order thinking associated with various fields of inquiry and self-monitoring of their thinking.

With the hard work of faculty, staff, students, and parents Diamond Hill is truly a great place to shine!

Todd Ramey, Principal

Linda Cann, Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	29	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.7%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.3%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	85.7%	77.8%

* 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	99.5
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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)

Diamond Hill Elementary 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	N/A	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	4.5%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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	653.4	651.4	655.0	648.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	649.8	651.1	651.2	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	656.3	651.7	659.0	650.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	651.7	651.6	653.5	648.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	643.8	646.0	648.5	641.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	34	663.5	100.0	34	665.7	100.0
4	27	641.5	100.0	27	654.9	100.0	
5	33	656.7	100.0	33	654.2	100.0	
6	41	647.4	100.0	41	645.1	100.0	
7	32	627.3	100.0	32	635.6	100.0	
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	17	646.6	100.0	17	645.9	100.0	
4	27	644.1	100.0	27	665.1	100.0	
5	16	655.8	100.0	17	630.9	100.0	
6	21	644.1	100.0	21	643.1	95.2	
7	32	614.8	100.0	32	613.3	100.0	
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	36	655.3	100.0	36	648.8	100.0
4	39	652.2	100.0	39	674.7	100.0	
5	25	652.6	100.0	25	623.5	100.0	
6	35	642.8	100.0	35	648.3	100.0	
7	38	634.8	100.0	38	655.4	100.0	
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	18	653.1	100.0	18	645.2	100.0	
4	39	660.7	100.0	39	658.0	100.0	
5	12	641.7	100.0	13	627.8	100.0	
6	17	642.1	94.4	17	630.2	100.0	
7	37	639.8	97.4	37	631.2	100.0	
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 0160019

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	655.4	654.9	647.1	662.2	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	651.8	653.5	652.1	665.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	659.0	656.2	641.7	659.0	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
White	666.8	665.6	660.0	669.4	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
African American	635.0	634.8	626.2	647.4	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	621.0	613.6	612.9	632.8	98.8	98.8	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	643.8	642.6	636.2	653.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	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	642.6	651.9	653.7	650.4	99.3	99.3	99.1	N/A
Male	634.9	644.3	650.8	651.2	99.5	99.5	98.8	N/A
Female	651.4	660.4	657.0	649.4	99.1	99.1	99.5	N/A
White	657.8	666.5	668.3	662.7	99.3	99.3	98.6	N/A
African American	617.4	628.4	630.9	629.0	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	594.0	605.3	608.0	625.3	97.9	97.9	98.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	628.4	637.3	637.6	636.1	99.0	99.0	99.6	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	228.4	227.2	76.9	73.6	98.7	97.8	100.0	82.8
Male	225.3	226.5	77.0	75.5	98.4	98.4	100.0	79.6
Female	232.2	228.0	76.8	71.7	99.0	97.1	100.0	85.8
White	233.7	232.5	79.8	75.4	99.3	98.7	100.0	82.0
African American	218.8	216.0	71.6	70.4	97.2	95.8	100.0	84.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	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	58.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	223.3	221.4	73.8	71.9	98.4	96.8	100.0	80.0
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
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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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