

Palmetto Elementary

1 Roberts Boulevard
Williamston, SC 29697

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	608 Students	
Principal	Amy Cothran	864-847-5442
Superintendent	David Havird	864-847-7344
Board Chair	Mr. Fred Alexander	864-947-9346

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	Good	Average
2010	Good	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.

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

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

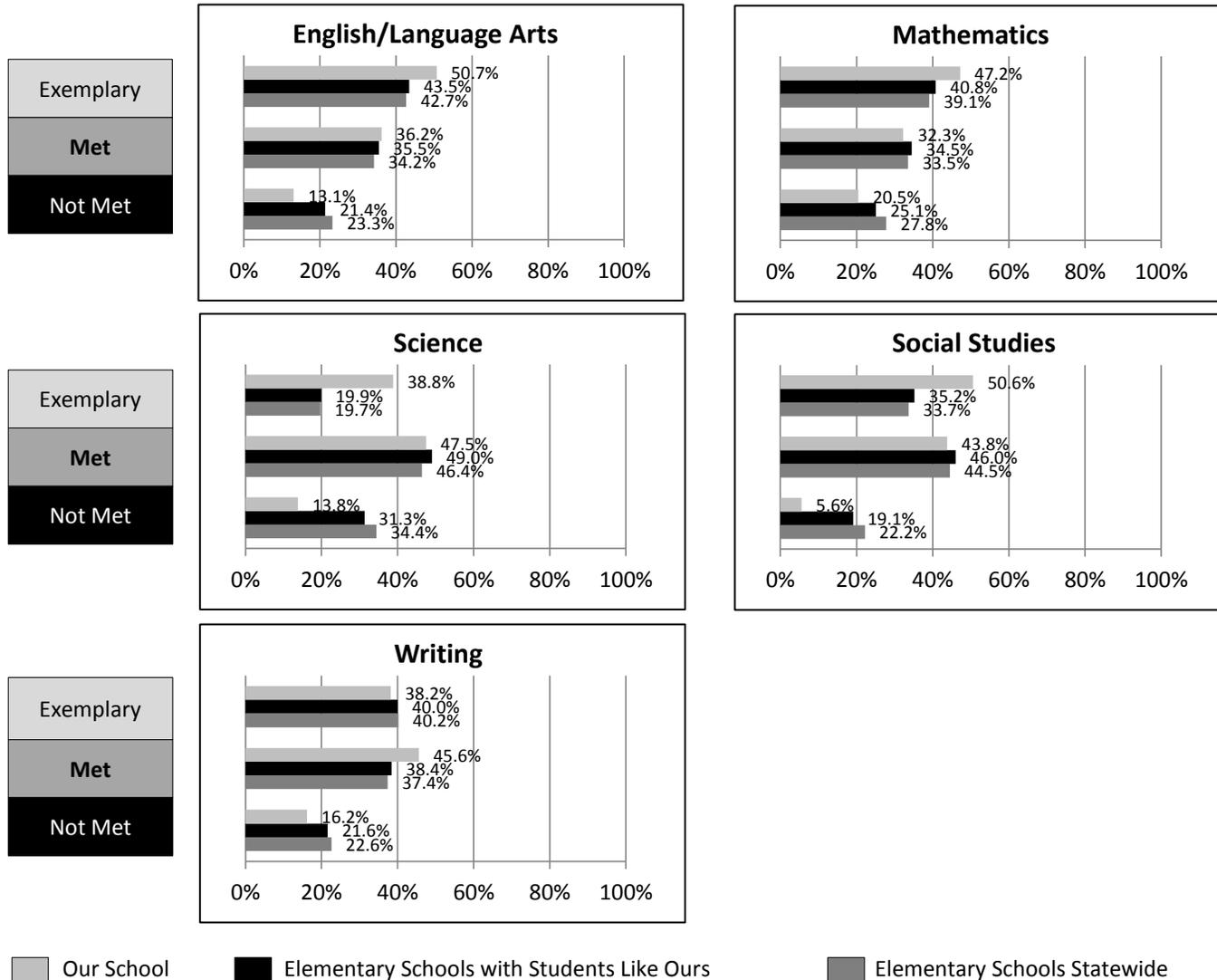
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 99.4%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
30	54	38	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 = 608)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.2%	Up from 1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.5%	Up from 4.0%	7.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.1%	Up from 12.5%	13.3%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Up from 2.2%	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 = 41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.9%	Up from 58.5%	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.0%	No change	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.6%	Down from 89.6%	89.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 94.6%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,705	Up 4.2%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Up from 9.8 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Up from 16.8 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Up from 90.2%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,498	Up 0.4%	\$7,479	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.5%	Down from 72.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.1%	Up from 68.0%	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

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool continues to SOAR toward our mission of Promoting Curiosity, Educating Minds, and Securing Futures! This mission consistently encourages our faculty and staff to maintain high standards for all students and themselves. Our number one goal is ensuring student success and well-being. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most diverse student body in Anderson School District One due to our transient population. The faculty and staff of Palmetto Elementary continuously do a great job of welcoming new students and returning students in order to quickly determine their needs for learning and to provide enrichment opportunities to promote a life-long love of learning.

The South Carolina International Reading Association recognized Palmetto Elementary as an Exemplary Reading Honor School based upon our continual focus on reading. Guided reading is proving to be successful using MAP results and the levels of growth as measured by Fountas and Pinnell. We have a strong RTI (Response To Intervention) team that helps to ensure all students receive the intervention and challenges needed to promote a love for reading.

Palmetto Elementary continues to strive for excellence in all that we do, including the activities offered by our amazing PTO. Our PTO gives countless hours as they work for our school to provide our students the best. This year, playgrounds received new equipment and mulch. Their volunteer and fundraising efforts are tireless and a wonderful model for our students!

Palmetto Elementary has had many accomplishments including: Student led morning news show, PASS night for parents, Writing nights for each grade level, Family Reading night each week, conferences were held with 100% of all parents; Clemson University provided student tutors, the after-school program tutored and provided enrichment for 60 students, Administration lead intervention groups for 3-5, students and staff participate in the community recycling program, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, Numerous Relay for Life Service Projects, School-wide Pony Express mail system, Beta Club, Student Council, Palmetto Singers, Art Club, Recorder Choir, and numerous volunteers spent countless hours serving our school and community.

Amy W. Cothran, Principal

Andrea Alberson, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	63	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	92.0%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.7%	89.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	92.1%	67.3%

* 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	94.7
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)

Palmetto 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	3.4	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.8%	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	652.2	645.9	651.4	664.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	649.4	646.6	651.0	663.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	655.3	645.2	651.9	665.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	656.3	648.5	654.1	668.4	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	612.5	604.3	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	642.4	637.5	643.8	655.8	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

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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	91	665.8	100.0	91	646.6	100.0
4	72	637.8	100.0	72	653.3	100.0	
5	93	652.9	98.9	93	648.9	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	46	646.7	100.0	45	663.3	100.0
	4	72	647.9	100.0	72	666.2	100.0
	5	46	645.8	100.0	47	664.3	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

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	79	661.6	100.0	79	644.7	100.0
4	94	650.7	100.0	94	647.4	100.0	
5	68	643.4	100.0	68	645.5	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	41	646.2	100.0	38	668.7	100.0
	4	94	652.4	100.0	94	664.9	100.0
	5	35	654.4	100.0	35	658.1	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 0401004

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	662.4	658.7	654.6	667.5	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	659.3	660.1	655.7	672.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	665.5	657.3	653.4	662.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	665.7	662.4	658.7	670.1	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	643.3	635.3	624.6	646.7	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	635.8	629.7	629.1	657.2	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	621.9	615.4	609.2	631.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	638.0	633.5	621.9	653.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	648.8	641.6	638.6	655.1	100.0	100.0	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	644.3	653.6	651.9	646.7	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	637.3	651.1	653.8	650.1	99.6	99.5	99.9	N/A
Female	652.5	656.5	649.7	642.5	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	647.5	656.2	655.4	649.2	99.7	99.6	99.9	N/A
African American	620.5	632.6	625.8	626.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	654.2	682.5	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	625.4	636.2	633.7	637.2	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	587.4	598.2	598.2	597.3	97.7	97.7	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	617.5	635.6	627.1	632.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.5	635.6	637.2	629.7	99.6	99.6	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	236.2	232.3	86.7	78.7	99.6	99.6	100.0	90.8
Male	232.5	232.1	86.5	79.3	99.5	99.5	100.0	89.0
Female	240.3	232.6	87.0	78.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	92.4
White	237.3	233.8	87.5	79.3	99.7	99.7	100.0	92.4
African American	227.8	219.0	82.5	74.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	73.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	230.9	227.1	N/A	78.0	97.2	97.2	N/A	90.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	211.2	206.4	67.3	66.0	98.2	98.2	100.0	55.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0
Subsidized Meals	227.6	222.1	80.5	74.6	99.3	99.3	100.0	86.7
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 0401004

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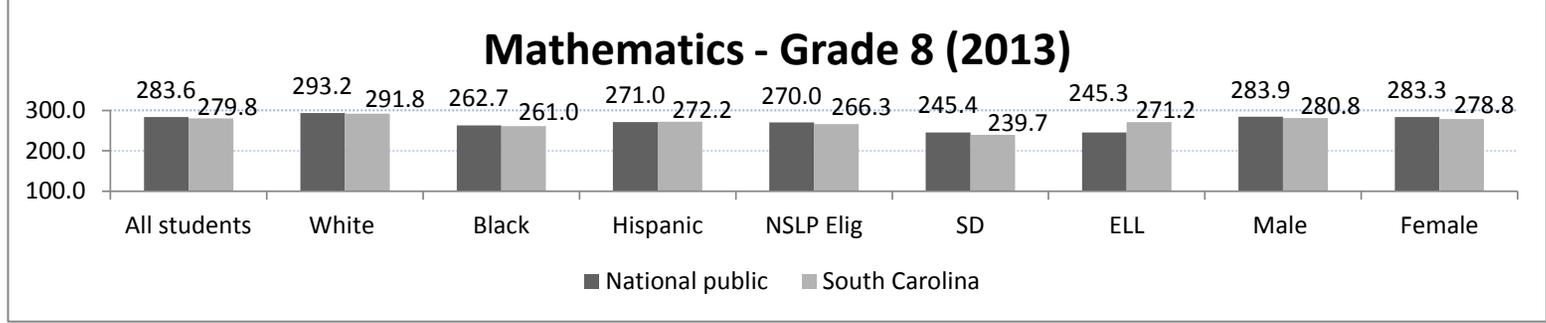
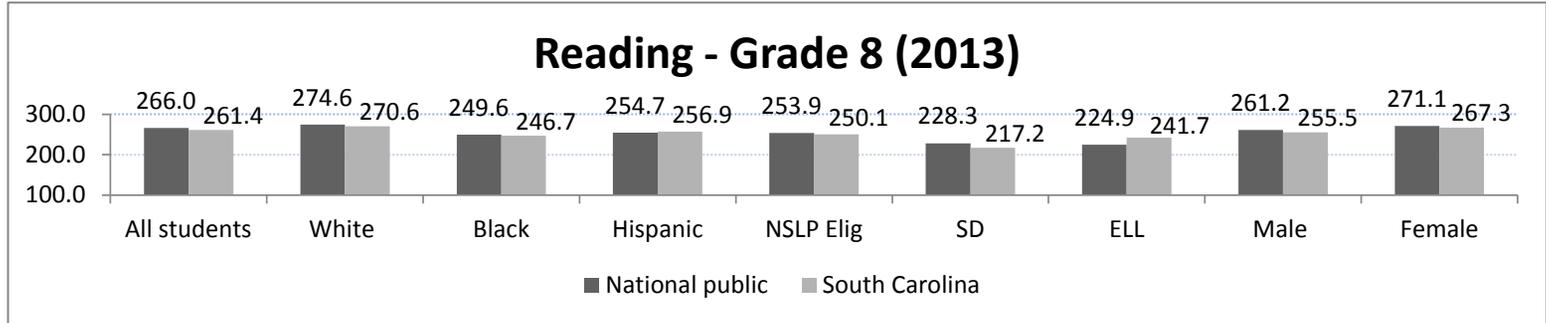
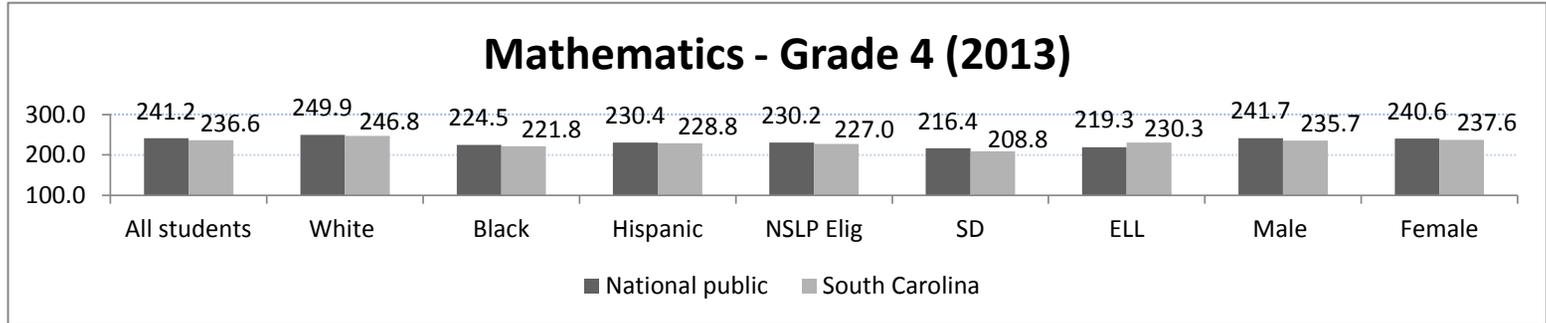
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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	0

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