

New Prospect STEM Academy

126 New Prospect Church Rd.
Anderson, SC 29625

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	517 Students	
Principal	Jerome Hudson	864-260-5195
Superintendent	Thomas A. Wilson	864-260-5000
Board Chair	Rick Bradshaw	864-224-5502

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

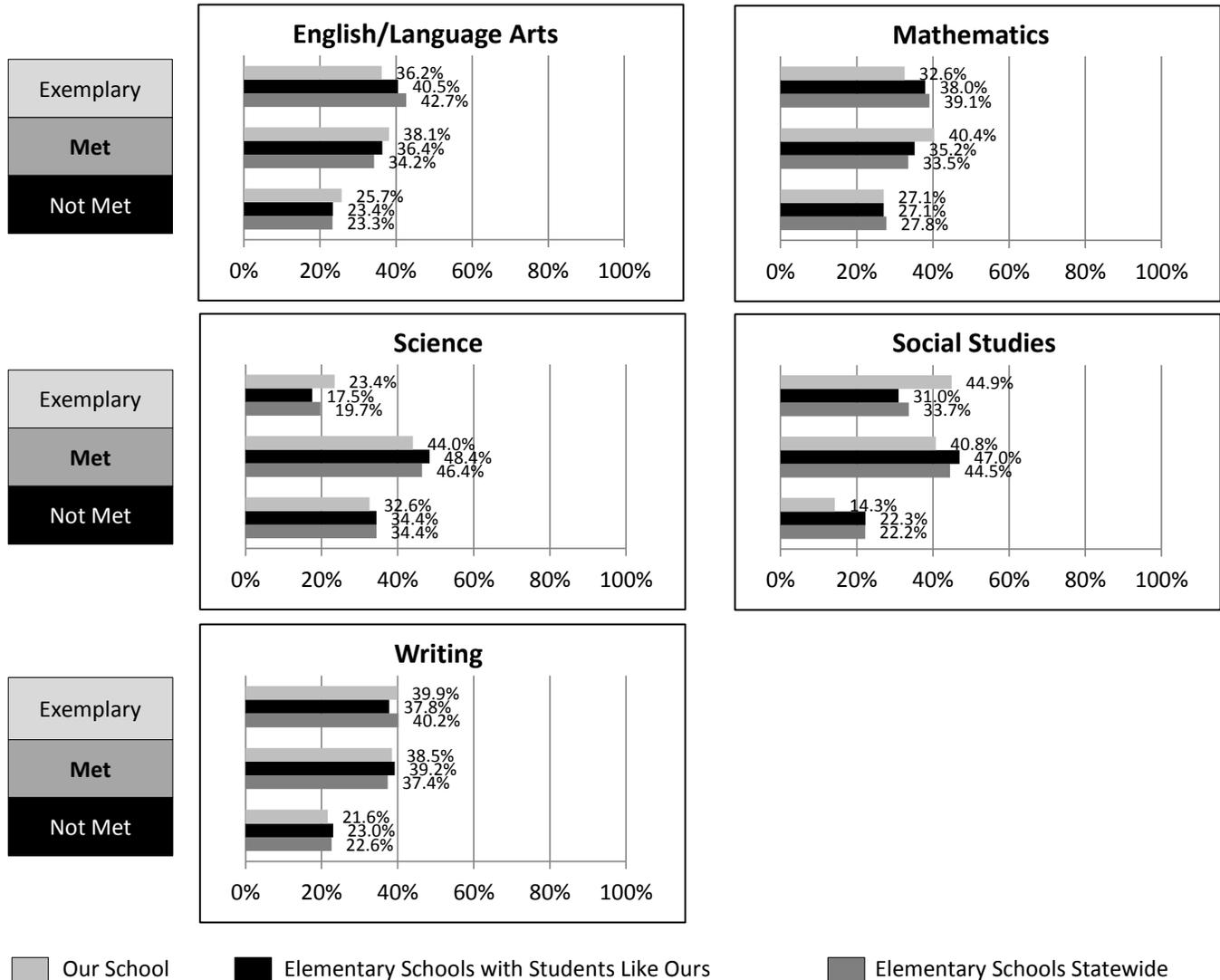
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.6%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
25	43	63	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

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	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 517)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.8%	Up from 95.5%	96.3%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.6%	Down from 7.0%	7.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.7%	Up from 12.9%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Down from 3.4%	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 = 34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.1%	Down from 53.1%	59.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	79.4%	Down from 87.5%	83.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8%	Down from 86.5%	89.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.3%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,286	Down 1.4%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	6.5 days	Down from 11.8 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	18.7 to 1	Up from 4.3 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 88.8%	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%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,083	Up 6.0%	\$7,653	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.5%	Up from 68.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.2%	Up from 67.0%	65.1%	66.0%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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

New Prospect STEM Academy, located in Anderson, South Carolina, serves 518 students in a K-5th grade setting. Instruction focuses on using a balanced literacy approach for ELA, science kits and CORE training, Calendar Math is an integral part of our math program, and a variety of primary documents are used to teach social studies. Our curriculum is infused with STEM lessons to further enhance our STEM initiative. A certified STEM teacher develops inquiry lessons to help develop critical thinking skills. This becomes an overlay over the district’s Approved Curriculum in all content areas. Also, all students receive weekly instruction in music, physical education, computers, media center, and art. Guidance is a part of our school’s curriculum with Character Education and Bullying Prevention as an emphasis. As a response to intervention, we offer Reading Recovery and ERI to K – 2nd graders, and a certified teacher serves as an interventionist in Grades 3-5 in Reading and Math instruction. Our 21st Century Afterschool Program serves 130 students receiving additional instruction before and after school from our certified teaching staff. Kindergarten students benefit from the Morning LEAP Peer-Teaching Program that is done by fifth graders. All faculty, staff, and students benefit from an instructional facilitator and an assistant principal. We also have a fulltime nurse and 1.5 guidance counselors to address the health and emotional needs of all students. We encourage student academic excellence through the use of Accelerated Reader and the Order of the Scroll Writing Awards. Gifted and Talented students in grades 3 – 5 receive instruction from an itinerant teacher weekly, and we have two K-5 ID classes on campus. “Our school motto is “We are the High Flying Jets.” To celebrate student achievement and behavior, we have “Top Jets,” “Terrific Kids,” and “Double E” Awards. Students also benefit from a number of extension activities such as Student Government, Turbo Jets, Science Club, Beta Club, Robotics, a Writers’ Guild for Fifth Grade Resource Students, Step and Dance, Art Club, and Strings. Other opportunities include Jazzy Jets Chorus, Family Nights, Book Fairs, Movie Night, Running Club and Skate Nights. Most recently, New Prospect received recognition with silver flags for Closing the Achievement Gap and Student Performance. Our challenge is to empower children to achieve their potential in a diverse, safe, innovative, and caring environment while preparing them to be lifelong learners and productive members of society. A major goal is to provide our children opportunities to excel in all subject areas through the use of a STEM centered approach to learning. Each year at New Prospect is always better than the year before, and not as good as the year to come.

Dr. Jerome Hudson, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	73	39
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.0%	90.4%	89.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9%	87.3%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.8%	87.5%	86.8%

* Only students at the highest elementary 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	90.9
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)

New Prospect STEM Academy 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	0.3	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	95.8%	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

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 3-5							
All Students	636.6	637.8	626.9	654.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	633.9	634.3	626.0	653.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	639.5	641.6	627.7	656.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	642.1	645.9	634.0	664.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	628.1	627.1	615.7	645.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	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	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	629.7	626.3	617.5	646.8	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

* 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	82	645.9	100.0	82	634.1	100.0
4	84	636.6	100.0	84	647.3	100.0	
5	75	643.9	100.0	75	644.1	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	41	617.9	100.0	42	649.6	100.0	
4	84	631.0	100.0	83	661.1	100.0	
5	37	627.1	100.0	39	643.7	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	88	637.1	100.0	88	624.3	100.0
4	79	632.2	100.0	79	654.6	100.0	
5	78	640.5	100.0	78	635.8	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	44	616.0	100.0	44	644.7	100.0	
4	78	627.7	100.0	77	657.3	100.0	
5	37	638.1	100.0	41	659.4	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	

* 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 0405051

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	649.9	650.3	638.8	660.8	99.9	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	646.1	650.1	639.1	664.0	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Female	653.6	650.4	638.6	657.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	665.0	668.6	655.3	676.6	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
African American	626.5	620.4	611.2	635.5	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.0	708.5	685.4	700.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	634.4	633.0	625.9	648.3	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	608.0	603.2	601.5	621.8	99.5	99.2	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	640.0	645.7	630.5	656.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.3	627.3	619.1	640.6	99.8	99.6	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	636.4	638.5	641.1	650.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	629.7	636.1	640.9	652.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	643.7	641.1	641.3	647.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	652.8	652.7	656.3	664.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	610.5	614.9	615.9	627.3	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.8	685.1	677.6	679.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	631.4	631.5	637.7	648.1	100.0	99.3	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	580.6	588.4	592.5	599.2	100.0	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.1	635.1	631.0	643.2	100.0	99.2	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.0	620.2	622.9	631.6	100.0	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	229.7	222.3	83.4	76.6	98.8	98.7	100.0	75.9
Male	226.0	221.7	83.3	77.7	98.3	97.9	100.0	71.1
Female	233.7	223.0	83.5	75.6	99.3	99.5	100.0	81.8
White	237.2	231.2	88.0	80.1	98.8	98.6	100.0	79.2
African American	219.3	208.6	77.1	70.9	98.9	98.9	100.0	69.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0
Hispanic	226.8	227.4	83.4	N/A	97.6	97.6	100.0	75.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.1	192.0	69.0	66.9	96.9	96.2	100.0	38.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	80.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.9
Subsidized Meals	220.1	209.9	78.3	72.3	98.3	98.1	100.0	62.3
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 0405051

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

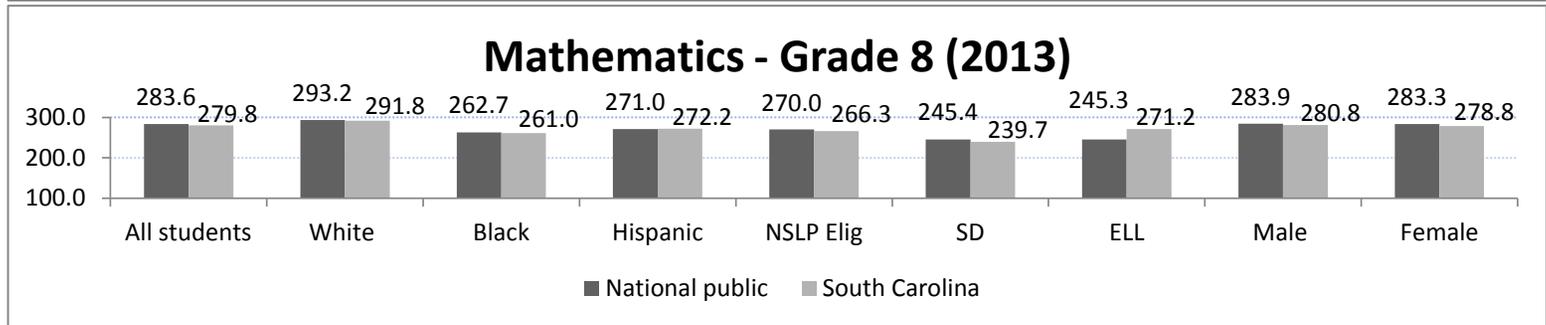
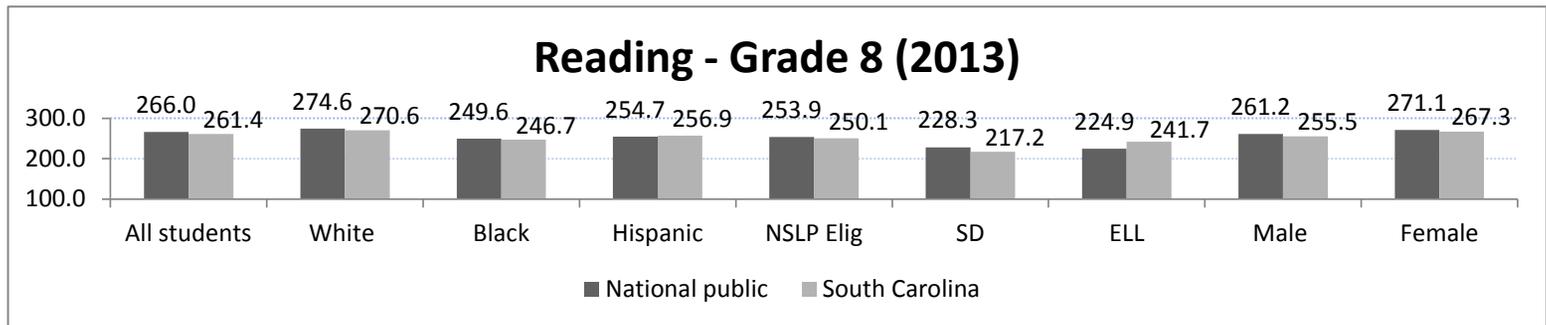
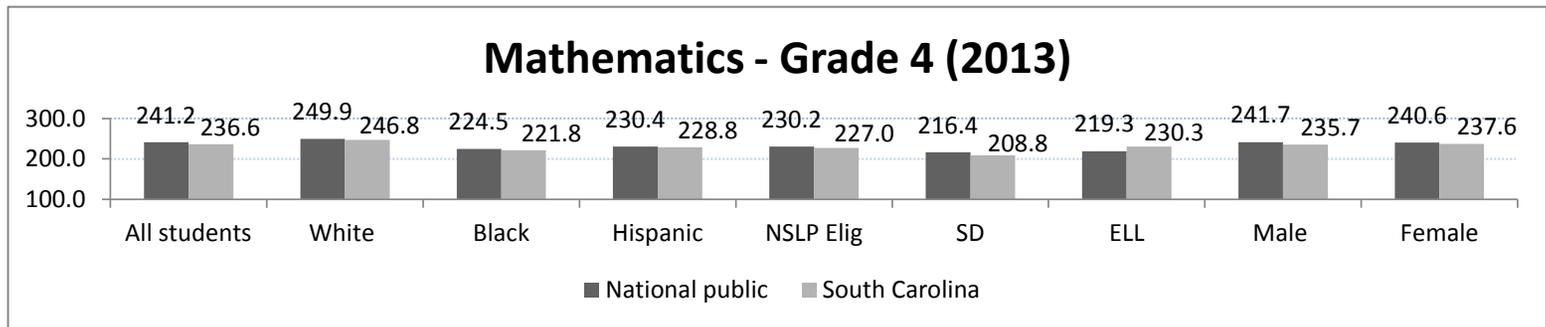
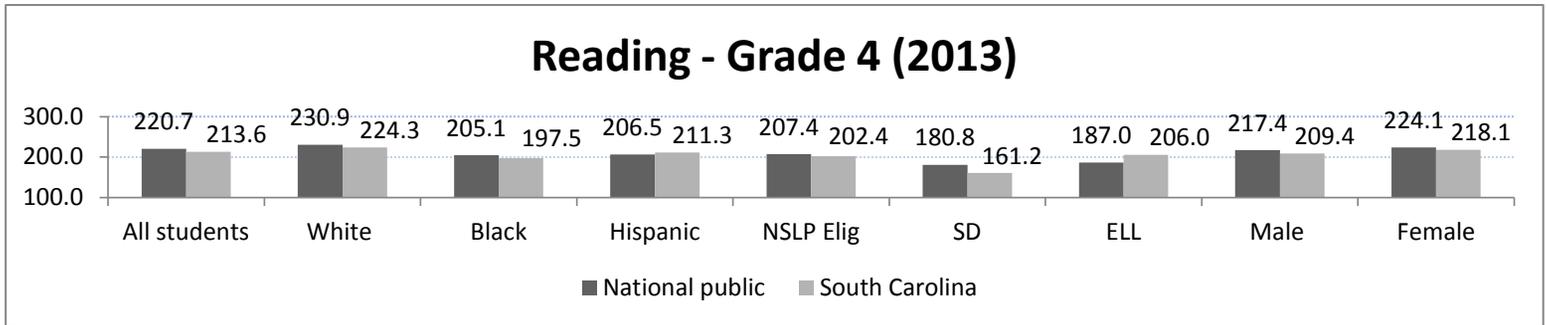
N/AV-Not Available

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	0

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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