

Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School (AIMS)

115 Howe Hall Road
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	418 Students	
Principal	Christopher D. Swetckie	843-820-3899
Superintendent	Dr. Rodney Thompson	843-899-8600
Board Chair	Dr. Kent Murray	843-819-3320

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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

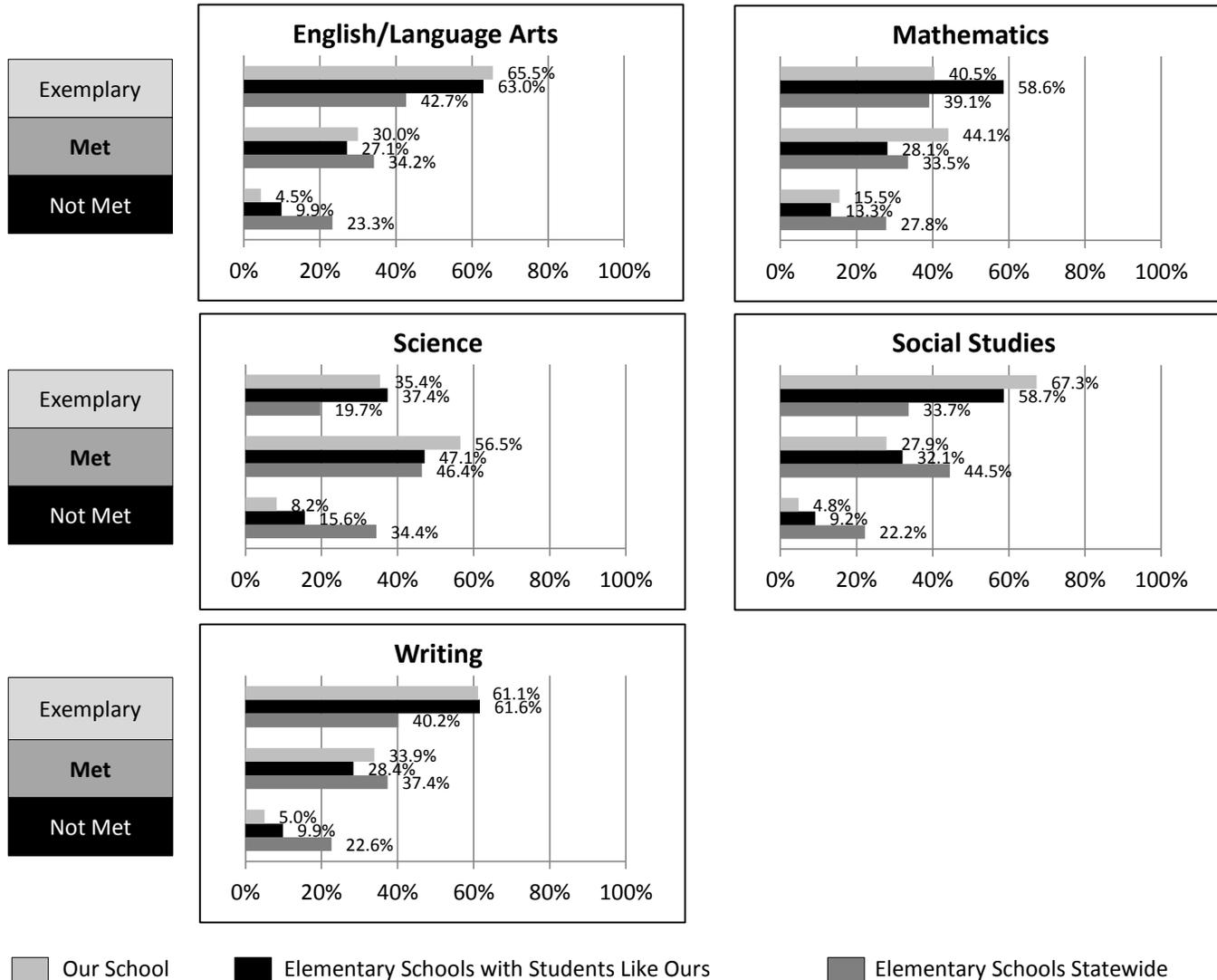
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
27	1	0	0	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 = 418)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.2%	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.5%	No change	97.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.0%	Down from 20.3%	16.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	8.0%	Down from 8.1%	9.8%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	No change	1.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.4%	Down from 76.0%	63.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	92.6%	Down from 96.0%	88.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Up from 90.5%	88.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	90.1%	Down from 94.4%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,770	Up 2.8%	\$49,980	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	12.5 days	Up from 9.1 days	12.4 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	No change	20.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.3%	Down from 90.9%	91.0%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	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**	\$6,218	Up 4.4%	\$7,659	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.8%	Down from 62.0%	65.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.1%	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

Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School is a nationally recognized elementary school serving the Berkeley County community. Opened in 2002, HHA consistently offers children unparalleled instruction that addresses multiple intelligences by creating lessons that merge South Carolina arts and academic standards. The continued belief that success is obtainable by every student forces innovation and creativity in the introduction and re-enforcement of South Carolina elementary standards. Howe Hall AIMS consistently scores higher than district and state averages on the Palmetto Achievement of State Standards (PASS) and South Carolina Arts Assessment Program (SCAAP) tests.

Students at Howe Hall AIMS attend weekly classes for visual arts, music, drama, and dance. In addition, the fine arts and classroom teachers create and present arts-infused lessons with a team-teaching approach. These lessons are based on the Common Core State Standards and the South Carolina State Standards but are taught through the eyes of an artist. Students apply arts skills as they work to master the academic standards. This unique feature is one of the many aspects that make Howe Hall AIMS such a dynamic institution of learning. Another distinctive feature of Howe Hall AIMS is the exploratory classes that students in grades 3-5 attend weekly. These classes include steel drums, ballet, chorus, clay, tap, modern dance, puppetry, costume design, digital media, strings and more. The campus curriculum is also supplemented by regular visits from artists-in-residence and performance groups that range from storytellers and folk singers to poets and puppeteers.

Attending Howe Hall AIMS offers opportunities for students to experience the thrill of performing for live audiences throughout the year. The school has two major performances, a spring and winter musical, with audience attendance ranging from 800 to 1100 and growing each year. Participation in various community art shows, contests, and charitable organizations where not only students' artwork but civic responsibilities are featured is a tradition at Howe Hall AIMS.

This year, AIMS was recognized with a Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding academic student performance and a Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. Additionally, AIMS was named a finalist in the Special Schools category for the Palmetto's Finest Award. In 2010, Howe Hall AIMS received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award from the United States Department of Education. In 2007, Howe Hall AIMS students performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. after receiving the State and National Kennedy Center Creative Ticket School of Excellence Award.

Christopher Swetckie, Principal

Lucretia Espiritu, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	73	48
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.8%	94.5%	93.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.1%	95.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	95.9%	82.9%

* 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	96.4
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)

Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School (AIMS) 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.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	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	3.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.5%	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	668.8	645.8	655.4	676.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	662.4	645.1	653.5	672.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	676.2	646.6	657.7	681.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	672.3	654.6	662.6	680.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	648.2	617.9	628.1	659.2	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	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	656.7	628.2	634.9	663.7	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	74	670.1	100.0	74	633.1	100.0
4	75	658.2	100.0	75	660.7	100.0	
5	75	703.8	100.0	75	670.5	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	37	638.4	100.0	37	665.4	100.0	
4	75	647.8	100.0	75	673.0	100.0	
5	38	659.4	100.0	37	676.9	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	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	73	663.1	100.0	73	635.1	100.0
4	74	663.5	100.0	74	651.9	100.0	
5	74	679.9	100.0	74	650.4	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	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	36	646.2	100.0	37	672.5	100.0	
4	74	656.0	100.0	74	684.3	100.0	
5	37	663.0	100.0	37	664.4	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	

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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 0801036

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	645.3	643.4	625.6	644.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	640.9	644.0	627.0	646.0	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	649.9	642.8	624.1	642.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	657.3	657.8	639.8	655.5	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	627.4	621.3	603.0	627.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.8	669.4	647.1	654.2	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
Hispanic	631.9	627.1	614.1	633.3	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.8	649.4	637.7	648.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	598.8	592.9	583.1	604.0	99.1	99.9	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	629.3	629.0	611.1	633.7	99.3	100.0	99.7	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	628.5	611.7	631.7	99.8	99.9	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	628.9	630.7	636.5	642.0	99.7	99.6	99.8	N/A
Male	621.2	628.7	636.9	645.6	99.6	99.5	99.6	N/A
Female	636.4	632.7	636.1	638.4	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
White	640.8	641.8	650.9	653.3	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
African American	610.0	612.1	614.1	622.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	652.0	668.4	663.0	679.4	100.0	99.5	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.0	625.4	632.3	639.2	100.0	98.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	626.6	630.0	635.3	642.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	575.6	585.5	586.0	597.6	99.0	98.9	98.9	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.1	628.5	630.9	640.9	100.0	98.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	615.3	618.3	622.5	628.5	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.1	221.4	82.2	76.0	99.5	99.5	100.0	80.3
Male	225.1	221.4	82.3	76.5	99.5	99.5	100.0	75.9
Female	233.6	221.4	82.2	75.4	99.5	99.5	100.0	85.4
White	233.4	227.2	86.1	78.4	99.3	99.3	100.0	81.7
African American	222.6	211.7	77.0	72.3	99.7	99.7	100.0	78.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	239.4	239.9	88.4	81.2	98.5	98.5	100.0	88.8
Hispanic	222.3	216.3	80.7	74.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.1
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.4
With Disabilities	209.4	199.6	71.3	67.0	98.6	98.0	100.0	41.7
Limited English Proficient	221.2	215.4	78.9	72.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.4
Subsidized Meals	223.8	215.5	79.4	72.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	75.8
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 0801036

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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