

## Alma Elementary School

213 Alma Elementary  
Gaffney, SC 29340

<b>Grades</b>	PK-5 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	252 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Kimberly F. Camp	864-489-4742
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Quincie L. Moore	864-902-3500
<b>Board Chair</b>	Mike Ellis	864-206-2233

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>
2013	Below Average	Average
2012	Below Average	Below Average
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Below Average	Below 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.

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

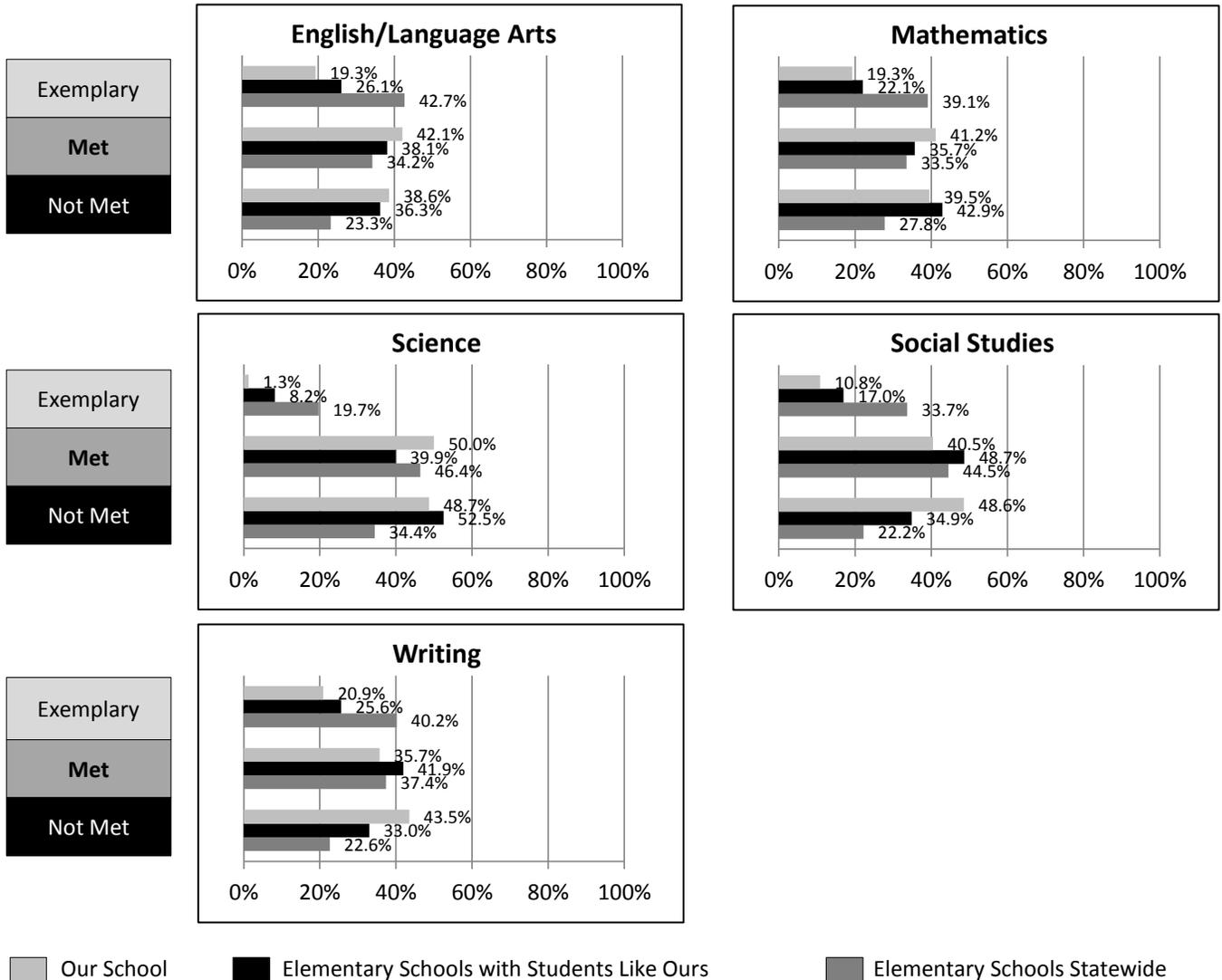
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.5%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	6	100	47	16

\* 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.

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## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n = 252)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	3.8%	Up from 1.9%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.9%	Up from 96.5%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.1%	Up from 6.1%	2.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	15.0%	Down from 18.0%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 2.6%	3.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 21)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.6%	Down from 55.0%	59.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 80.0%	73.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	97.9%	Up from 95.8%	83.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,782	Down 0.8%	\$45,690	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	7.7 days	Down from 8.7 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Up from 16.6 to 1	18.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 89.6%	90.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.7%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,793	Up 8.9%	\$8,781	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	No change	64.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.5%	Up from 64.0%	64.0%	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**

Alma Elementary...where we all "REACH for the STARS!"

Our students and teachers work diligently to make learning exciting and authentic. Using the Common Core State Standards, South Carolina Academic Standards and district guides, we create a school-wide long range plan resulting in innovative lessons. Abundant resources are available in classrooms, Literacy Center and Curriculum Lab.

Parental participation increased. Parents attended our Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Fall Festival, Title I Parenting Sessions, Awards Days, Talent Show, Field Day and more. Parents volunteered with our Science Fair, Book Fair, and Student-Mentor Program. Parents also enjoyed the healthy treats during these events from our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant. (With this, all students have a fruit/vegetable snack daily.) Parents are encouraged to check out resources for home use.

Also, Alma Elementary completed the second year as a Professional Development School with Winthrop University after being a Partner School for two years prior. Our faculty and staff hosted three year-long teacher interns. These college students learned first-hand about student learning, specials needs, and literacy development.

Technology continues to increase. From home, educational sites like Bookflix and Time for Kids can be accessed. We will continue to incorporate ipods, Dell tablets, and flip cameras into our instruction. Students have access to our lab weekly to research.

Alma Elementary incorporates ideas learned through the Response to Intervention (RtI) pilot-school site. Teachers tailor lessons to include significant time devoted to actual reading and writing, high-quality instruction, small group and individualized instruction, and focused instruction on students' changing needs. Classrooms have numerous books matched to reading levels. Alma Elementary makes Literacy Matter.

Literacy is an integral part of every day in all subjects. Students read poetry, fiction, and non-fiction daily with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Our students were fortunate to be able to self-select eight books each for extended reading during the summer. This initiative was provided and funded through SC State Department of Education. Students will return to school in the fall with their summer reading logs.

At Alma, we refer to our school as "our learning home." As a Positive Behavior Invention Supports (PBIS) school, we believe in creating a family-friendly environment with high-expectations. With excellent customer service and tightened security measures, we record visitors with photo capabilities with a computer sign-in program.

Education is a team effort among students, parents, school faculty, and community. Twenty individuals from Milliken-Allen and Magnolia Plants and one from Hamrick Mills serve as mentors weekly to our students. We encourage you to visit our school to see first-hand how parent involvement, teacher dedication and motivated students make a successful school. At Alma, we SHINE as we "think, inspire, imagine, and celebrate."

Kim Camp, Principal & Mary Kaye Hannon, School Improvement Council Chairperson

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	38	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.4%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.0%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.3%	92.5%	89.3%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>58.1</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>F</b>

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)**

Alma Elementary 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**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>	
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	0	7.3%	
	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.9%	94.0%*	Yes
		<b>State</b>	
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
<b>Grades 3-5</b>							
All Students	611.1	608.6	595.9	607.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	596.0	597.5	590.6	605.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	626.7	620.1	601.8	609.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	613.9	609.5	602.3	607.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	605.8	603.5	588.4	N/A	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	609.1	605.7	594.0	604.8	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.

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## Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2013					
	3	35	628.3	100.0	35	608.9	100.0
	4	40	616.7	97.5	40	619.1	97.5
	5	34	625.0	100.0	34	615.2	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	18	588.4	100.0	17	608.5	100.0
	4	40	593.3	97.5	40	614.0	97.5
	5	17	595.6	100.0	17	607.6	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2014					
	3	43	608.6	100.0	43	602.9	100.0
	4	38	611.4	100.0	38	604.6	100.0
	5	43	613.0	100.0	43	617.4	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	21	574.0	100.0	22	617.2	100.0
	4	38	600.6	100.0	38	612.3	100.0
	5	23	605.7	100.0	20	586.5	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

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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 1101005

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	629.6	631.0	611.0	628.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	625.1	630.4	611.8	631.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	634.4	631.7	610.2	625.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	640.1	642.1	624.0	637.2	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	607.8	605.5	582.1	608.0	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	606.1	612.8	592.2	617.3	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	592.7	595.2	584.8	603.6	99.3	99.7	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	603.6	616.2	591.9	615.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	619.2	617.9	600.7	618.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
All Students	615.1	626.7	615.0	614.9	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	609.3	625.5	615.7	617.3	99.7	99.5	99.7	N/A
Female	620.8	628.0	614.4	612.4	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	627.0	636.1	625.2	623.3	99.8	99.7	99.8	N/A
African American	589.8	605.3	593.0	597.2	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	590.4	610.5	595.3	597.7	100.0	98.2	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	553.7	576.9	571.9	578.0	99.6	99.6	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	588.5	616.4	598.6	601.1	100.0	97.3	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	603.0	616.2	605.7	604.5	99.9	99.7	99.9	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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
All Students	226.1	223.4	74.4	71.0	99.7	99.3	100.0	79.4
Male	222.2	222.3	74.0	73.1	99.7	99.3	100.0	71.4
Female	229.9	224.6	75.3	69.2	99.7	99.3	100.0	87.1
White	229.7	228.0	77.1	73.9	99.5	99.0	100.0	78.8
African American	218.0	212.2	68.4	64.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	214.6	212.8	72.6	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.2	194.9	62.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	45.6
Limited English Proficient	213.3	213.2	73.1	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0
Subsidized Meals	219.5	214.8	70.4	67.4	99.5	99.3	100.0	74.1
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 1101005

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
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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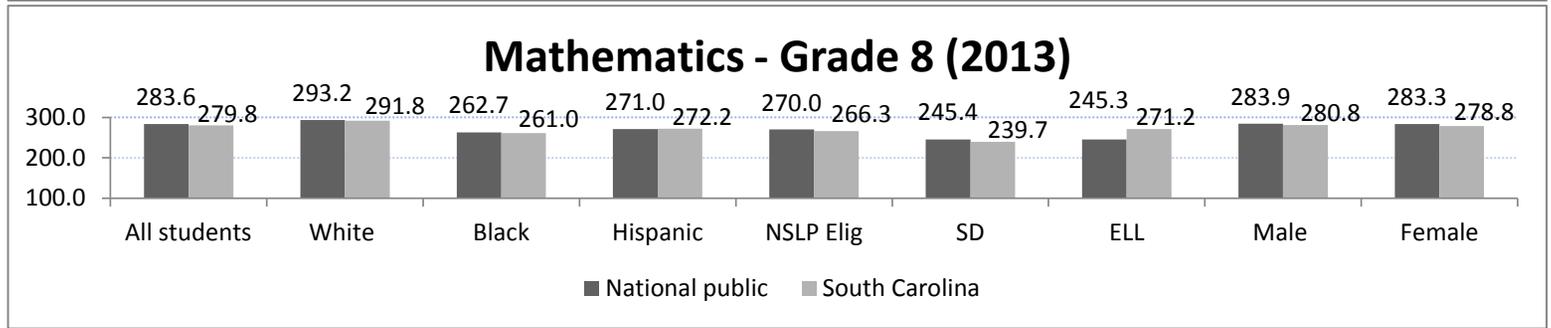
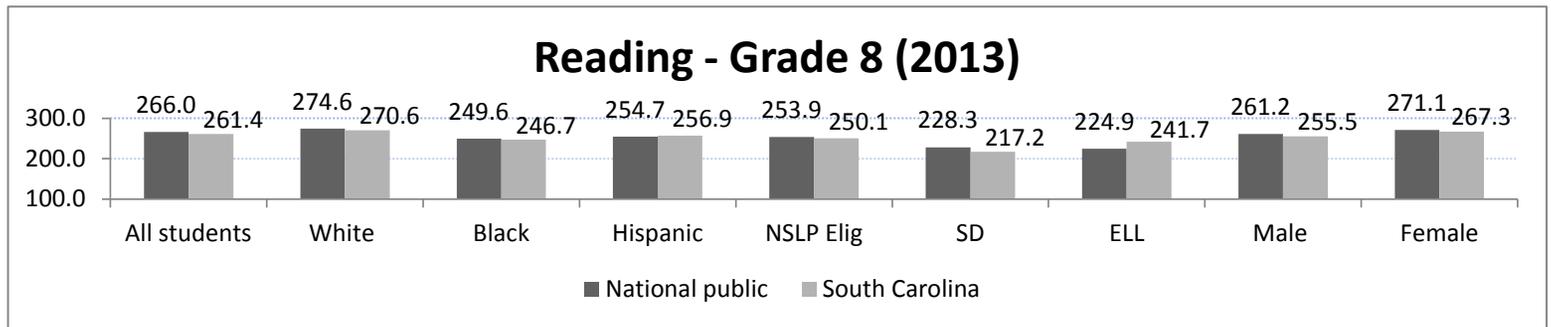
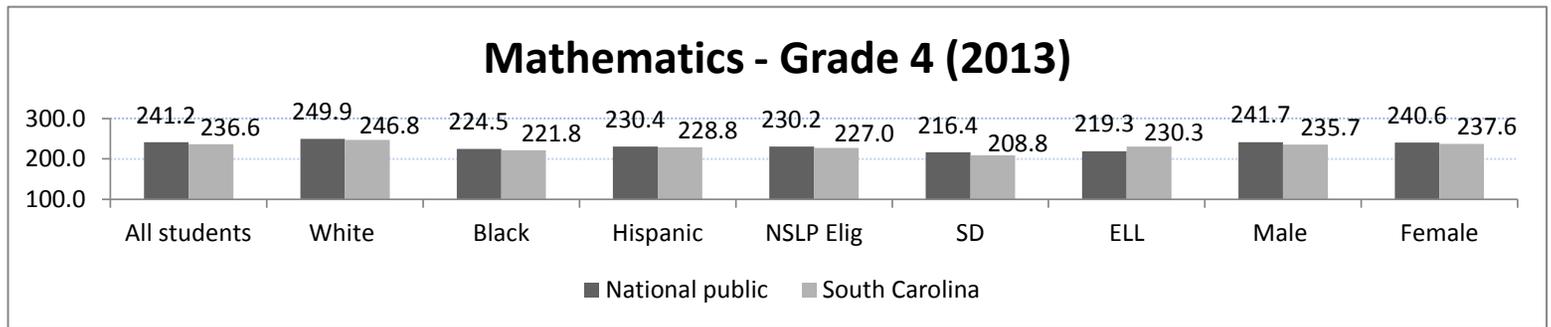
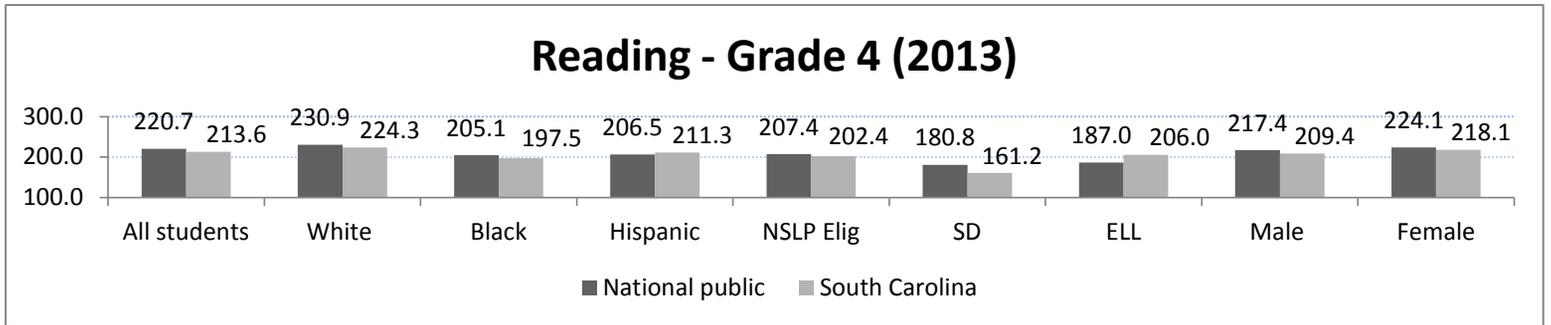
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\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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