

## Northwest Elementary School

840 Green River Road  
Gaffney, SC 29341

**Grades** PK-5 Elementary School  
**Enrollment** 524 Students  
**Principal** Kathy Phillips 864-487-1243  
**Superintendent** Dr. Quincie L. Moore 864-902-3500  
**Board Chair** 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>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Excellent	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>  
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**Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating**

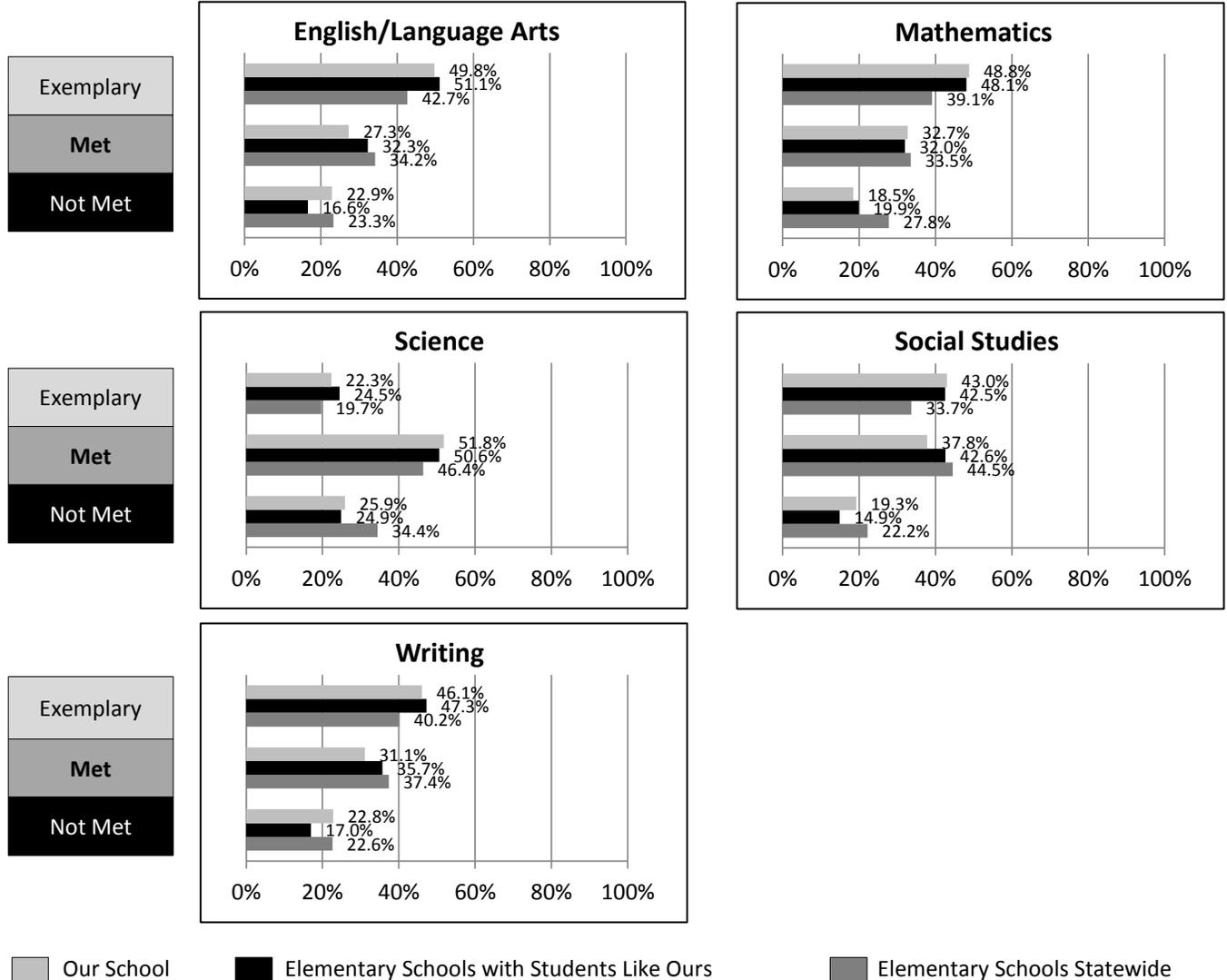
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 99.3%

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

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
50	29	8	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

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
<b>Students (n = 524)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.3%	Up from 96.2%	96.7%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.6%	Down from 8.1%	10.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.5%	Down from 10.7%	11.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.0%	1.3%	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 = 31)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.5%	No change	64.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	96.8%	No change	82.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.6%	Up from 88.4%	90.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	89.1%	Down from 96.1%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,580	Up 0.8%	\$50,031	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Up from 7.6 days	11.8 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Down from 19.8 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	82.5%	Down from 91.6%	91.3%	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**	\$6,270	Down 0.5%	\$7,072	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.9%	Down from 75.0%	67.3%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.4%	Up from 71.0%	66.7%	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**

Northwest Elementary School is a large elementary school located in a beautiful rural setting in Cherokee County. Our school family is comprised of a dedicated faculty and staff, students who aspire to be lifelong learners and families who support excellence in education. The mission of Northwest Elementary School is to partner with family and community to ensure all students gain the necessary academic, emotional and social skills to become responsible, successful citizens by providing challenging educational experiences in a safe, secure and nurturing environment. Our students strive to be the best they can be in all academic areas and our test scores reflect their hard work and determination. We teach our students to exhibit good character traits and we teach the importance of being kind to each other. Our students show respect to their classmates and they encourage each other to be great students. We celebrate the achievements of our students and recognize their accomplishments in many different ways. We strive to meet the needs of our students and work to ensure that they become successful at each academic level. Instructional goals are set at the beginning of the year and the students are encouraged to monitor their own progress throughout the year. The faculty and staff at Northwest Elementary School have participated in numerous professional development opportunities throughout the 2013-2014 school year. We have participated in a Professional Learning Community in which teachers have learned new strategies to incorporate in the instructional program which has enhanced student learning. Our community recognizes our efforts and realizes that the students of Northwest Elementary School are receiving a quality education. We are proud of our Northwest Bobcats and their belief in the Power of Learning. We anticipate another great year at Northwest Elementary School in 2014-2015 and we thank everyone for their continued support and cooperation, as we seek to provide challenging educational experiences for our Northwest Bobcats.

Kathy Phillips, Principal

Gina Jolley, SIC Chairperson

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	74	70
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.3%	95.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.7%	95.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	93.3%	78.6%

\* 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>98.5</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>A</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)**

Northwest Elementary School 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**

	<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	96.3%	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	646.4	653.5	633.2	647.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	643.7	653.5	635.0	649.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	650.8	653.6	630.5	644.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	650.9	654.6	639.5	650.3	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	632.9	639.6	618.5	631.2	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	72	644.2	100.0	72	644.1	100.0	
	4	79	643.4	100.0	79	656.1	100.0	
	5	77	636.1	100.0	77	655.0	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	36	612.5	100.0	36	645.1	100.0
		4	79	640.0	100.0	79	660.0	100.0
		5	39	627.6	100.0	38	630.2	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math			
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested	
2014	3	66	648.3	100.0	66	647.1	100.0	
	4	73	639.3	100.0	73	640.9	100.0	
	5	76	651.7	100.0	76	671.1	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	
			SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
			N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		3	33	619.8	100.0	33	649.1	100.0
		4	73	639.2	100.0	73	651.4	100.0
		5	39	633.6	100.0	37	639.7	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 1101023

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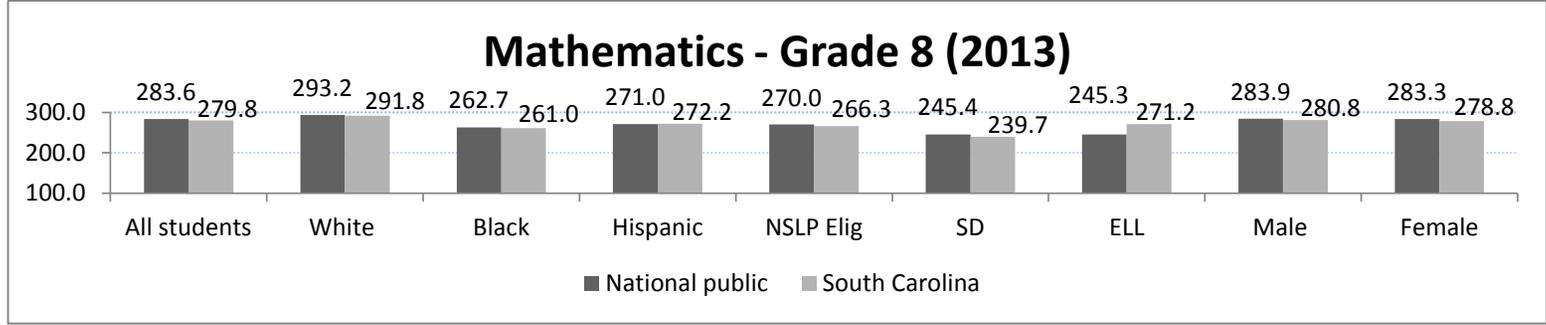
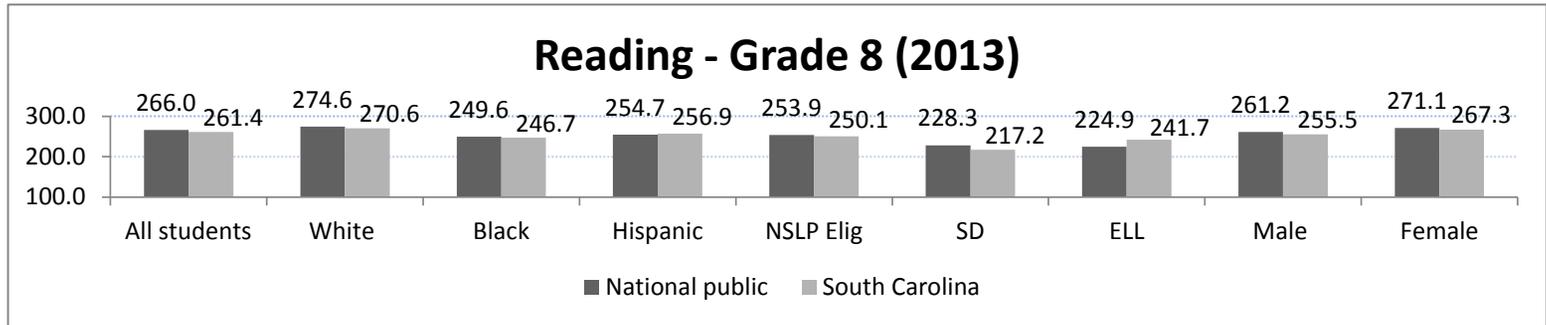
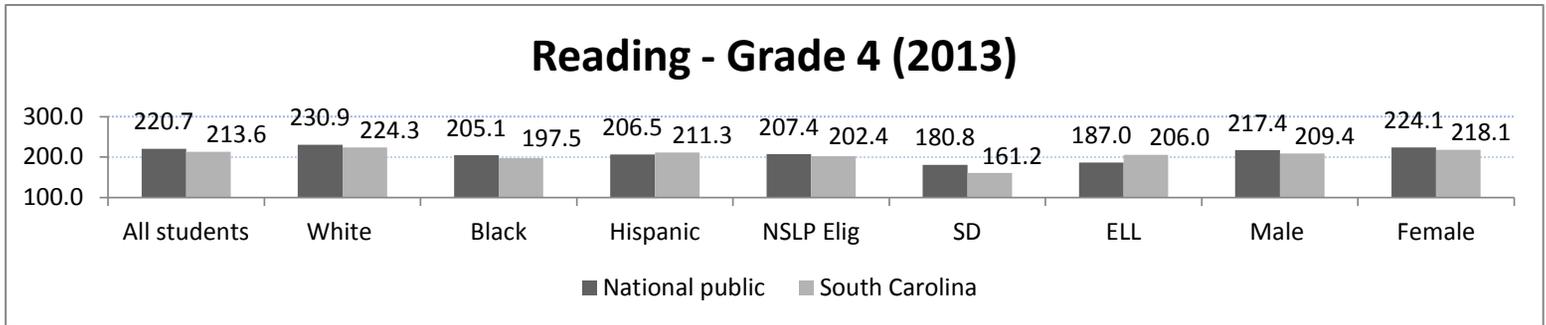
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\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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

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