



Theodore Lester Elementary

3501 East Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29501

Grades PK-6 Elementary School
Enrollment 474 Students
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

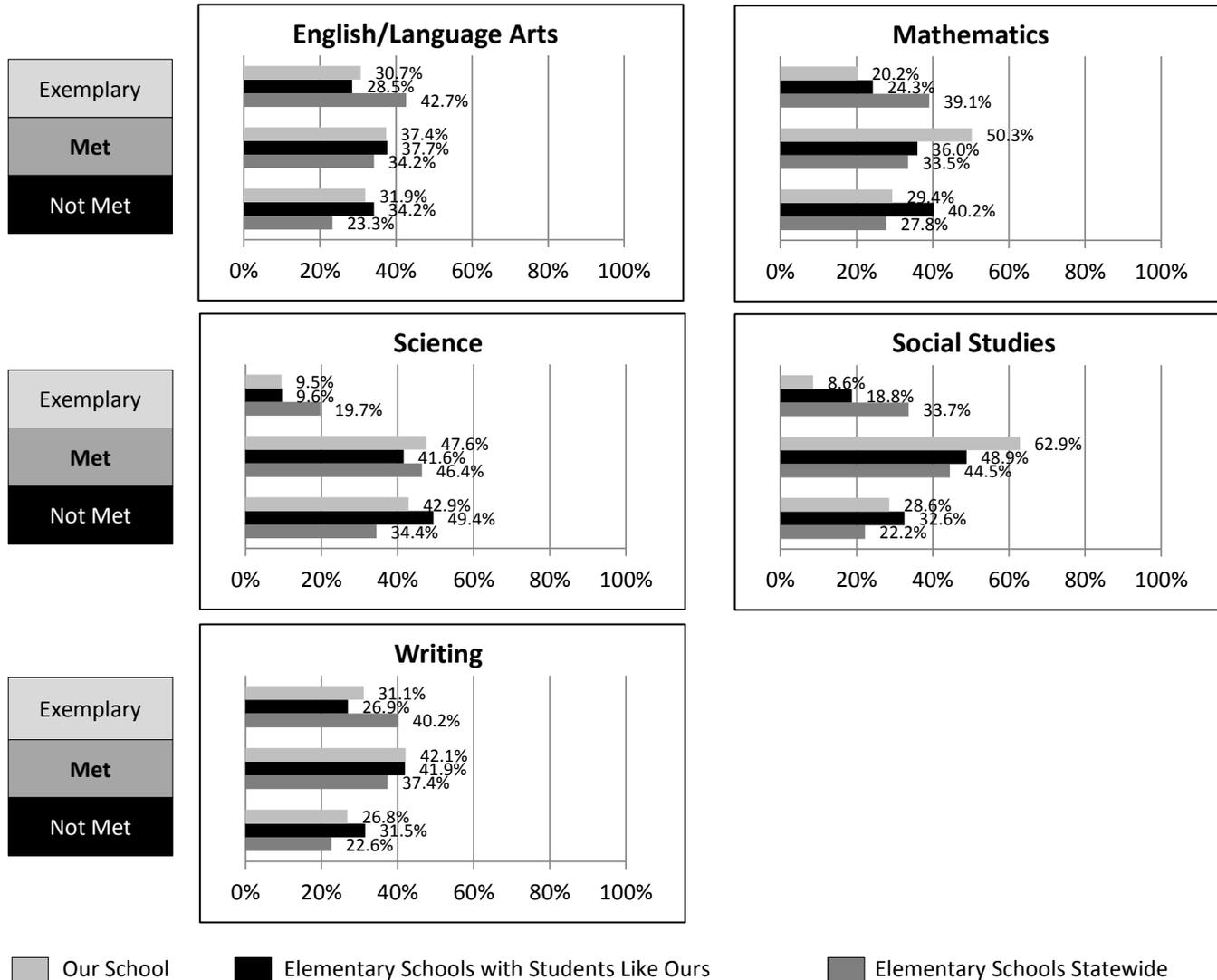
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
4	12	129	43	12

* 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 = 474)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	3.6%	Up from 3.2%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 95.8%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	2.1%	Down from 2.3%	3.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	31.4%	Up from 30.6%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Up from 4.7%	2.7%	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	73.2%	Up from 67.4%	60.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.8%	Up from 86.0%	75.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.5%	Down from 91.3%	84.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.1%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,027	Up 2.9%	\$46,132	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	12.9 days	Down from 13.8 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	14.6 to 1	No change	18.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 90.4%	90.4%	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**	\$12,647	Up 6.1%	\$8,200	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.4%	Up from 70.0%	65.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.6%	Up from 68.0%	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

At Theodore Lester Elementary we are continuing to encourage our students to “Reach for the Stars.” We are challenging all students to reach their potential as learners. The school is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and nationally accredited by the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation.

This year we are continuing our focus on improving math skills. We will again implement our Math Academy where students will receive remediation in math. Students will meet after breakfast three days per week and after school three days per week. MAP test results will be used to identify students for the program.

We believe strongly that reading provides the foundation for all learning. We are implementing Reading Renaissance. With the program’s points system, we are encouraging students to read as much as possible. We want to instill in them a lifelong love of reading.

We are using student data to guide instruction and to narrow our focus on students’ individual weaknesses and strengths. We are using teacher observations, MAP data, Reading Renaissance data, and test results from PASS to help make decisions about what to teach and when to teach it, in order for students to be successful in mastering the curriculum standards in all subject areas.

The School Improvement Council has always been instrumental in improving parental involvement. We are using our improvement council for input in making important decisions about teaching and learning at our school.

The faculty and staff of Theodore Lester Elementary are committed to improving teaching and learning. Our vision for the school is to inspire in all the desire to learn and succeed. It is our vision that our school will be a safe learning community that celebrates our achievements and encourages active partnerships with families and the entire community. We will empower students to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Mrs. Janelle Allen-Gregg, Chairperson for the School Improvement Council

Dr. Gregory J. Mingo, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	45	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.8%	86.7%	76.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	80.0%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	55.6%	86.7%	63.3%

* 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	76.4
Overall Grade Conversion	C

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)

Theodore Lester Elementary 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

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.7	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.9%	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	626.9	621.4	611.9	609.6	98.7	99.4	99.1
Male	625.2	624.1	618.2	608.4	97.9	99.0	98.5
Female	629.6	617.1	602.1	611.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	625.0	616.1	605.0	606.4	98.3	99.2	98.7
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	611.9	605.2	606.4	598.1	98.3	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.2	620.4	607.5	608.3	99.3	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	53	625.9	100.0	53	602.8	100.0
4	40	628.8	100.0	40	623.5	97.5	
5	55	623.5	100.0	55	606.0	100.0	
6	59	624.1	100.0	59	624.9	100.0	
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	28	580.1	100.0	27	605.0	100.0	
4	40	613.0	100.0	39	616.8	100.0	
5	27	609.2	100.0	28	599.5	100.0	
6	31	619.1	100.0	31	619.9	100.0	
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	57	625.2	100.0	57	611.7	98.3
4	55	626.1	96.5	56	626.9	98.2	
5	38	631.4	100.0	38	630.9	100.0	
6	53	613.3	100.0	53	617.2	100.0	
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	29	603.2	100.0	28	598.2	96.6	
4	55	612.6	98.2	55	619.4	98.2	
5	20	626.1	100.0	19	599.8	100.0	
6	27	602.2	100.0	29	631.7	100.0	
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 2101013

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	641.9	636.4	631.0	641.0	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	638.0	636.2	631.2	643.1	99.6	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	646.1	636.7	630.8	638.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	659.8	656.9	653.4	658.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	626.2	617.7	610.8	625.3	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	668.2	683.6	661.4	672.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	642.1	640.8	629.3	642.5	99.1	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	604.9	599.9	597.5	610.4	99.1	99.7	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	648.2	658.8	641.2	653.3	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	629.0	620.8	614.8	627.1	99.7	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	626.1	625.8	637.2	636.9	99.3	99.3	99.3	N/A
Male	618.9	622.9	636.2	638.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	N/A
Female	633.6	628.8	638.2	635.5	99.3	99.4	99.5	N/A
White	645.5	641.7	659.0	655.1	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
African American	608.3	609.9	616.4	619.7	99.1	99.1	99.1	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	655.7	679.6	685.0	674.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	632.2	630.9	639.4	645.0	98.7	98.7	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	583.4	589.0	594.0	598.6	97.1	97.3	98.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.1	639.6	651.1	655.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	611.1	612.8	621.3	622.2	99.0	99.0	99.3	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	228.3	218.5	79.8	74.4	99.3	99.4	100.0	80.0
Male	224.4	217.5	79.5	75.6	99.3	99.5	100.0	73.4
Female	232.3	219.5	80.0	73.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	86.4
White	238.3	229.2	86.3	78.4	99.4	99.4	100.0	85.6
African American	218.9	207.9	73.4	70.4	99.1	99.3	100.0	74.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	93.5	80.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	87.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	82.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	87.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.5	194.3	66.1	66.9	98.4	98.4	100.0	39.2
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.6
Subsidized Meals	220.0	209.0	74.5	70.4	99.3	99.5	100.0	72.8
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 2101013

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	1

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