

Varnville Elementary School

395 East Pine Street
Varnville, SC 29944

Grades	PK-3 Elementary School	
Enrollment	372 Students	
Principal	Donna G. Kinard	803-943-2376
Superintendent	Douglas E. McTeer, Jr.	803-943-4576
Board Chair	Libby Murdaugh	803-943-2814

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	At-Risk
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Below Average
2011	Good	Excellent
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

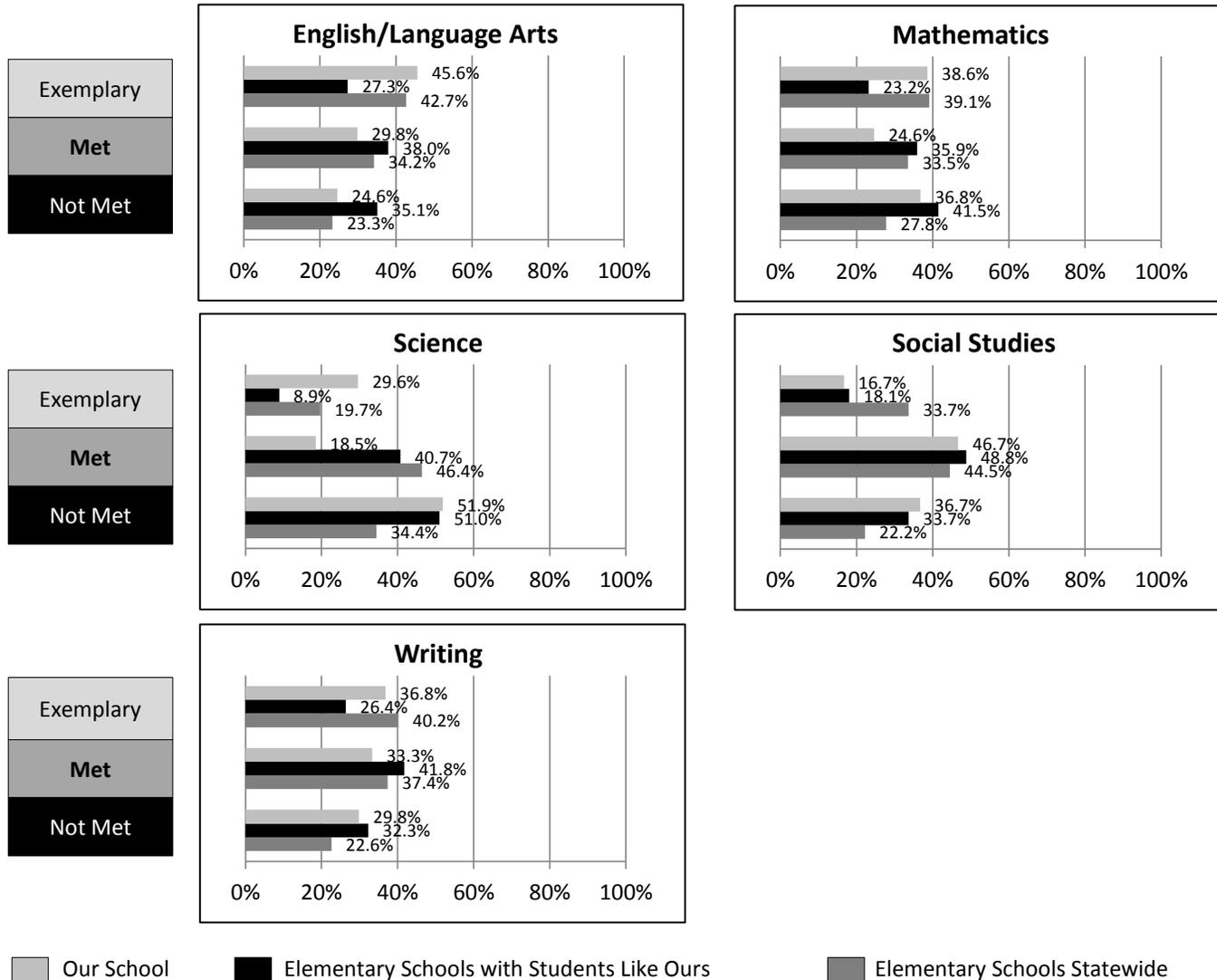
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
3	10	123	48	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.

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 = 372)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	6.3%	Up from 1.7%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	99.9%	Up from 95.7%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	1.6%	Up from 0.3%	3.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.4%	Down from 10.1%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.6%	Up from 1.4%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.5%	Down from 69.2%	60.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	No change	74.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.5%	Down from 84.6%	84.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 92.4%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,118	Down 3.0%	\$46,251	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	12.1 days	Down from 12.2 days	10.1 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Down from 20.3 to 1	18.6 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.2%	Up from 87.2%	90.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,915	Down 1.8%	\$8,444	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.7%	Down from 73.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.5%	Up from 70.0%	64.8%	66.0%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Varnville Elementary School (VES) is very proud of our accomplishments and excited to share our recognitions and activities from our 2013-2014 school year. Based on the ESEA waiver, VES is pleased to announce we received an “A” with a point grade of 94.3. We were also recognized as a Title I Reward School for Performance, being among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year. Our report card Absolute Grade was Good.

VES teachers received 7 Palmetto Bright Ideas grants totaling \$5,720 and 3 teachers received Donors Choose grants for IPAD minis, SS/Science texts, and literature. One teacher received the Betti Crosby Award and purchased IPAD minis. We have 5 NBCT’s on our staff. We were the State Farm Insurance Chosen School. VES continues school improvement and growth through the SC TAP program focusing on teacher quality and student achievement. Through weekly cluster meetings and collaboration, school and district workshops, and early out professional days, we present and share information on best practices.

Our commitment to providing the best educational experiences begins with our four Child Development Educational Pilot Program classes. Using, “Breakthrough to Literacy” provides each child a home library of at least 20 books by the end of the year. Our school received the SDE Summer Reading grant and every child received 8 books for summer reading. Now in our 5th year of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), we remain a PBIS “Ribbon” school. The school culture promotes a positive reinforcement of the VES school-wide expectations...Can be Responsible, Use our Minds, Be Respectful, and Stay Safe.

We participate in many service and community projects throughout the year giving our students the opportunity to learn the value of service to others. The third grade students presented a program and decorated the town’s Christmas tree for Arbor Day. Students got to jump for the “Jump Rope for Heart” (AHA) by making donations and learning how this helps individuals with heart disease. The VES Relay for Life team raised \$4,535 (a school record) and was recognized as a Silver Team, received an Outstanding School Award, and a Night Owl Award. VES recognized our community veterans and retirees of education in our district with a special luncheon in their honor. Volunteers were recognized with a breakfast at the end of the year.

A super dance program was performed by our second grade students under the direction of Mr. Karl Singletary, artist-in-residence. Our students participated in a book character parade dressing as their favorite character from books of their choice.

The commitment of our community, parents, students, SIC, PTO, and staff help every child reach their potential. “We do our best at VES...Read and Succeed!”

Kelly Shipes - SIC Chair

Donna G. Kinard-Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	54	32
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.8%	81.5%	65.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.2%	82.1%	66.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.0%	85.7%	57.6%

* 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.

Overall Weighted Points Total	88.5
Overall Grade Conversion	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)

Varnville 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

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%
Student attendance rate	99.9%	94.0%*
		Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers		Yes
Student attendance rate		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	641.7	637.7	609.3	617.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	637.5	628.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	636.0	630.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
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	64	632.9	100.0	64	632.4	100.0
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	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	32	614.9	96.9	32	629.1	96.9
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	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	58	641.7	100.0	58	637.7	100.0
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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	28	609.3	100.0	30	617.0	100.0
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	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 2501009

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	633.5	633.7	621.6	625.8	100.0	100.0	98.3	N/A
Male	629.6	632.5	621.5	628.6	100.0	100.0	97.9	N/A
Female	637.9	635.1	621.8	622.9	100.0	100.0	98.7	N/A
White	648.9	647.7	642.5	633.3	100.0	100.0	97.9	N/A
African American	621.5	621.8	605.9	619.4	100.0	100.0	98.5	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	592.4	595.3	N/A	598.3	100.0	100.0	87.1	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	626.8	626.0	612.7	619.7	100.0	100.0	98.5	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	622.9	621.2	615.9	618.4	99.6	99.6	99.7	N/A
Male	617.3	622.2	617.6	620.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	628.1	620.2	614.3	616.8	99.3	99.3	99.5	N/A
White	630.9	628.3	623.7	628.0	99.3	99.3	99.4	N/A
African American	613.9	612.3	606.5	609.2	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	570.5	574.5	573.9	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.4	614.7	608.6	614.0	99.5	99.5	99.6	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	217.7	207.7	72.6	70.5	97.4	96.8	100.0	80.2
Male	212.5	205.9	70.3	70.5	95.1	95.1	100.0	76.6
Female	223.2	209.6	74.9	70.5	100.0	98.9	100.0	84.1
White	224.7	216.9	77.1	73.8	97.5	96.2	100.0	84.8
African American	212.4	200.7	69.1	67.5	97.2	97.2	100.0	75.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	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	37.5
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	213.6	202.9	70.8	68.4	96.8	96.0	100.0	76.6
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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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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