

St. James Elementary

9711 St. James Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	888 Students	
Principal	Mary Beth Heath	843-650-8220
Superintendent	Dr. Cynthia Elsberry	843-488-6700
Board Chair	Joe DeFeo	843-222-5912

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Good	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>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

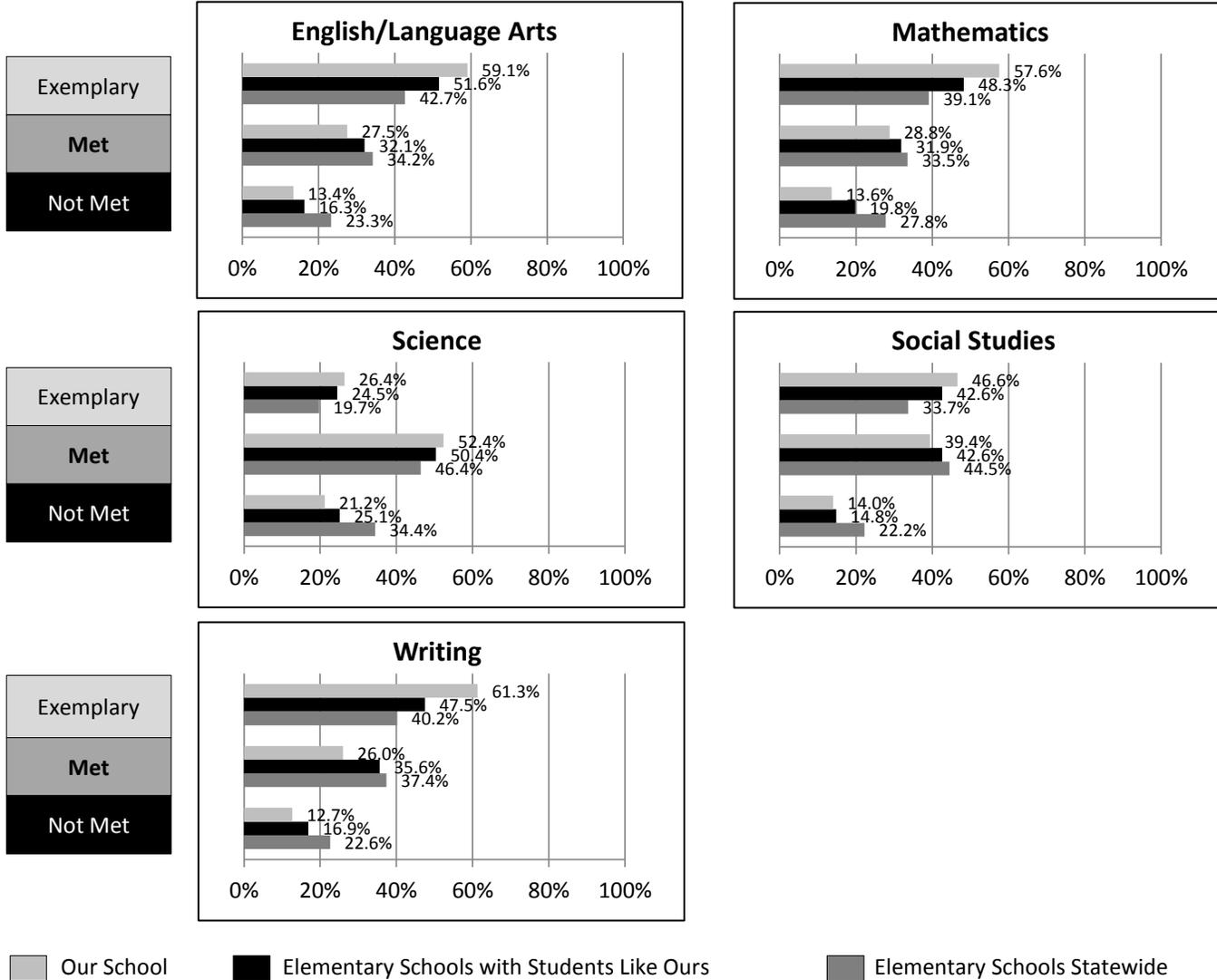
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
50	28	7	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 = 888)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 99.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.2%	No change	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.5%	Up from 95.9%	96.7%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.8%	Up from 11.0%	10.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.4%	Down from 11.2%	11.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Up from 0.1%	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.5%	Up from 54.7%	63.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	81.1%	Up from 77.4%	82.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.7%	Up from 93.9%	90.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 94.4%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,939	Up 1.0%	\$49,931	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	15.3 days	Down from 15.7 days	11.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	17.0	Up from 15.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.8 to 1	Up from 17.8 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.8%	Up from 87.7%	91.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,025	Down 0.4%	\$7,007	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.5%	Down from 67.0%	68.4%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.9%	Down from 63.0%	67.0%	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

St. James Elementary has once again remained constant to our commitment to be a world class school in which every student acquires an excellent education. Areas of specific accomplishments include our PBIS continuation, multiple academic and personal growth opportunities outside of the classroom, awards, and family involvement.

Our third year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) produced some excellent results in again reducing the amount of disciplinary referrals. Exemplary behavior was recognized with our You Rock Award for 68 students who modeled the PBIS program throughout the school year.

Fifth grade students had the opportunity to travel to Florida to interact with the manatees and third grade students learned more about our local history on a field trip to Charleston. Continued development opportunities include: SJE Reads, In-school tutorials, Dolphin Council, Library Assistants, Technology Club, Beta Club, Jr. National Honor Society, Career Day, Canine Angels for Reading, Bricks for Kids, Mad Science, Good News Club, Girls on the Run, Backpack Buddies and the Robotics Club.

Students were excited to participate in the annual SJE Talent Show where we had over 50 different acts display their fine talents.

SJE named Jenny Jones Teacher of the Year. A fifth grade student was awarded first place in the Elementary Division of the Soil and Water Award. Three students won awards at the Horry County Schools Technology Fair.

SJE families rose to the occasion to get involved and support the school and their children who attend by signing up to volunteer in the school. We had over 100 families earn our new Five Star Family Achievement Award.

We are proud of our achievements and excited about the future of St. James Elementary as it is placed in the very capable and caring hands of Mrs. Felisa McDavid as she takes over the principalship for the 2014-15 school year.

Mary Beth Heath, Principal

Nicole Beyersdorf, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	121	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	71.4%	91.8%	89.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0%	85.2%	81.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	94.2%	69.4%

* 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	90.3
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)

St. James 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.
	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	2.5	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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	659.7	666.2	637.9	658.4	99.8	99.8	99.7
Male	657.1	674.8	647.1	664.4	99.5	99.5	99.3
Female	662.3	657.6	628.3	651.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	666.3	674.6	642.6	666.1	99.7	99.7	99.6
African American	613.4	610.5	N/A	617.1	100.0	100.0	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	603.0	603.5	592.7	608.8	98.4	98.4	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	641.8	641.5	621.8	640.1	100.0	100.0	99.3
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

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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	153	674.5	99.4	153	648.5	100.0
4	127	655.7	99.2	127	666.9	99.2	
5	132	661.3	100.0	132	650.4	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	76	634.6	100.0	78	665.0	100.0
	4	127	639.7	99.2	127	665.2	99.2
	5	65	636.5	98.5	67	643.6	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

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	140	667.3	99.3	140	656.3	99.3
4	148	657.3	100.0	148	675.7	100.0	
5	128	654.6	100.0	128	665.3	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	72	625.7	98.6	67	651.6	100.0
	4	148	643.2	100.0	148	669.0	100.0
	5	66	638.6	100.0	62	640.1	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

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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 2601030

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	653.4	661.5	634.3	654.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	649.1	662.4	635.1	657.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	658.0	660.5	633.5	651.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	664.6	674.7	646.2	664.3	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	626.3	629.6	605.9	630.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	672.7	688.8	656.0	674.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	642.4	648.5	623.9	645.3	99.3	99.9	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	650.7	643.0	633.2	634.6	98.5	98.5	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	607.0	607.0	593.4	615.5	99.0	99.4	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	641.6	651.0	622.5	647.7	99.3	100.0	99.7	N/A
Subsidized Meals	641.2	646.5	622.1	641.9	99.6	99.7	99.7	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	631.7	642.1	644.2	644.6	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	624.8	639.4	643.0	646.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	639.1	645.1	645.5	642.2	99.9	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	643.0	653.1	656.3	655.1	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	602.5	612.5	612.1	615.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	654.9	680.3	675.4	680.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	620.5	633.3	633.2	636.7	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	648.9	641.4	647.9	638.2	100.0	100.0	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.2	587.7	589.7	596.5	99.5	99.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	614.3	630.5	629.3	632.4	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.7	627.8	629.5	629.5	99.7	99.8	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	230.4	226.1	84.5	77.0	98.8	98.7	100.0	78.8
Male	226.6	226.2	84.6	78.1	98.5	98.3	100.0	72.3
Female	234.3	226.0	84.3	75.9	99.1	99.1	100.0	85.5
White	235.1	231.3	87.1	78.5	98.9	98.8	100.0	81.8
African American	217.3	210.1	76.2	71.6	98.4	98.1	100.0	69.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	239.6	243.6	89.8	83.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.5
Hispanic	222.1	218.9	80.3	76.2	98.5	98.5	100.0	75.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.2
With Disabilities	206.6	200.5	70.4	67.1	96.7	96.3	100.0	43.8
Limited English Proficient	217.1	214.9	78.1	74.3	100.0	99.2	100.0	68.8
Subsidized Meals	224.1	218.5	80.9	73.9	98.6	98.3	100.0	72.1
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 2601030

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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