

Buford Elementary

1906 North Rocky River Road
Lancaster, SC 29720

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	792 Students	
Principal	Sandra Jones-Izzard	803-286-0026
Superintendent	Dr. Richard E. Moore	803-286-6972
Board Chair	Mr. Robert Parker	803-286-6972

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Below Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Average	Good
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>
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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

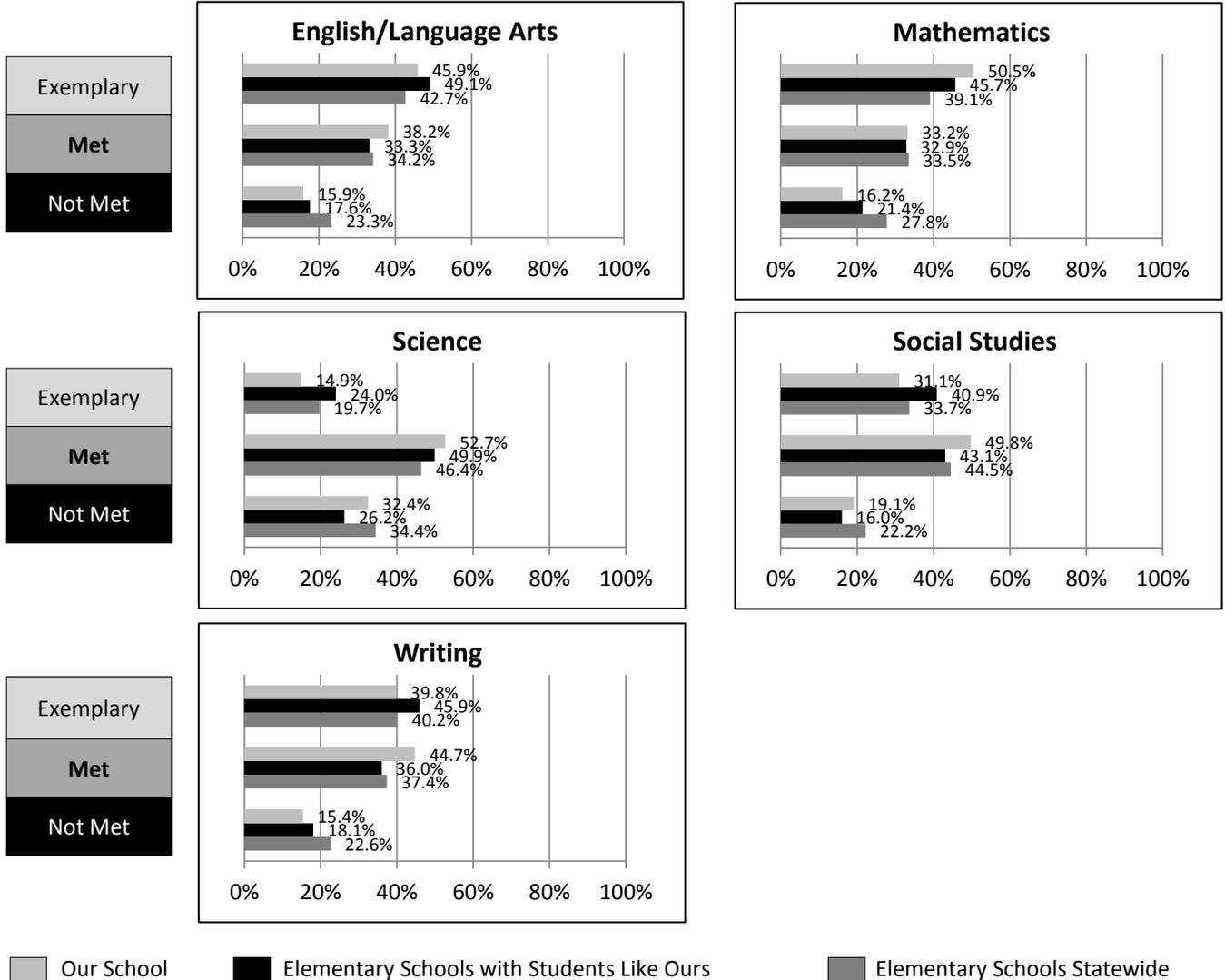
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
50	34	13	1	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 = 792)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.6%	Up from 1.6%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	96.5%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.9%	Up from 8.5%	9.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	11.5%	Up from 10.3%	12.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Up from 3.0%	1.8%	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	68.3%	Up from 65.8%	64.1%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	90.2%	Down from 94.7%	85.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.9%	Up from 90.1%	90.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.3%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,002	Up 1.4%	\$49,815	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Up from 8.9 days	11.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 14.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.5 to 1	Up from 24.8 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 89.4%	90.6%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	88.2%	Down from 95.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,658	Up 5.4%	\$7,271	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.9%	Up from 71.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.5%	Up from 71.0%	66.8%	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

The 2013-2014 school year was indeed “Buzzing With New Knowledge” for students, staff and parents as we continued in our efforts to engage students in authentic learning experiences that focused on meeting the needs of all students to enhance academic performance. We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished this school year.

We’re proud of the implementation of a Response to Intervention schedule that provided daily. 30 minutes of intense instruction to meet the diverse needs of our students. We’re proud that our Spring MAP Test results project students’ potential performance on PASS as 86% in Reading and 79% in Math. We look forward to receiving the actual PASS results this summer. We’re proud that five hundred eighty-nine students participated in the 2013-2014 Super Reader Program, Buzzing With a Good Book.

We’re proud that thirty-eight staff members received grants to implement programs in their classrooms.

We’re proud that technology has “buzzed” into Buford Elementary. In addition to Classworks, Study Island, Reading Eggs and Fast ForWord computer-assisted programs and the use of SmartBoards, students were provided access to iPads and apps through a grant awarded 30 iPad mobile lab, individual classroom iPads and apps to reinforce language arts, math, science and social studies skills. We’re proud that our fifth grade students had the opportunity to participate in the G.R.E.A.T. Program (Gang Resistance Education and Training). G.R.E.A.T. focuses on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. We’re proud that at the 5th grade graduation ceremony, 12 students were recognized for maintaining an end of year ‘A’ average from 2nd grade through 1st semester of 5th grade; 5 students received the Merit Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in English Language arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies; 18 students received a Certificate of Excellence for excelling in one or more core curriculum area; 47 students received the Silver Award from the President’s Education Award Program for ending the year as an ‘A/B’ Honor Roll student; and 30 students received the President’s Education Gold Award in recognition of outstanding excellence for ending the school year with all ‘A’s. We’re proud that our staff continues to participate in building, district and state level professional development activities with a focus on standards, technology, math and reading. We’re proud that our students benefit from the collaborative efforts of their families, the staff, School Improvement Council, PTO, volunteers and the school community.

There is much to be proud of, but there’s still much to be done. Buford Elementary will continue to strive for academic excellence through achieving, believing and challenging ourselves collectively and collaboratively to meet the needs of our students.

Sandra Jones-Izzard, Principal
 Tara McCormick, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	130	55
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.8%	89.2%	96.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.6%	92.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.6%	88.3%	76.4%

* 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	92.6
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)

Buford Elementary 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	21	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.3	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
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	647.1	656.2	623.0	639.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	648.3	660.4	627.5	648.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	646.1	652.3	619.0	632.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	648.5	657.9	625.4	642.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	634.4	640.8	N/A	N/A	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	614.3	610.3	589.7	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	635.6	636.0	608.1	628.6	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

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	124	655.6	100.0	124	636.3	100.0
4	131	644.7	100.0	131	677.8	100.0	
5	128	637.8	100.0	128	637.4	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	63	615.2	98.4	61	632.2	98.4	
4	131	653.8	100.0	131	645.6	100.0	
5	65	629.3	98.5	63	609.2	98.4	
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	123	648.3	100.0	123	647.5	100.0
4	121	654.5	100.0	121	681.4	100.0	
5	134	639.2	100.0	134	640.8	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	62	610.8	100.0	61	636.4	100.0	
4	121	635.0	100.0	121	654.7	100.0	
5	68	612.2	100.0	66	615.8	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 2901012

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	640.6	640.8	621.7	636.7	99.4	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	635.1	638.8	620.3	638.2	99.2	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	646.2	643.0	623.1	635.1	99.6	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	650.0	652.9	633.2	644.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	619.7	615.9	598.6	619.0	98.7	99.5	99.2	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	683.6	702.7	N/A	N/A	97.4	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	636.6	629.8	609.8	634.6	98.6	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	596.8	592.5	581.9	606.8	96.9	99.5	98.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.4	631.0	608.1	638.0	98.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.1	622.3	604.8	622.7	99.2	99.7	99.4	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	627.1	632.3	630.6	629.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	619.9	629.4	630.3	631.9	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Female	634.4	635.3	630.9	627.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	637.9	642.8	640.1	637.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	605.4	610.8	610.0	611.6	99.5	99.5	99.4	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	621.6	625.8	627.0	99.4	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	576.0	587.3	589.3	592.6	99.0	98.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.9	619.0	620.4	626.5	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	609.6	615.3	613.4	614.7	99.7	99.7	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	226.0	219.4	77.5	72.3	98.4	98.4	100.0	82.1
Male	222.1	218.7	77.8	73.3	97.9	97.9	100.0	78.1
Female	230.6	220.2	77.2	71.4	99.0	99.0	100.0	86.4
White	230.4	225.4	80.5	74.0	98.8	98.8	100.0	84.7
African American	215.5	204.9	71.1	68.7	97.6	97.6	100.0	77.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	226.6	220.2	76.6	70.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.3	192.8	66.0	65.6	92.6	92.6	100.0	47.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	75.0	67.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	61.9
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.3	72.8	68.7	97.9	97.9	100.0	73.0
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 2901012

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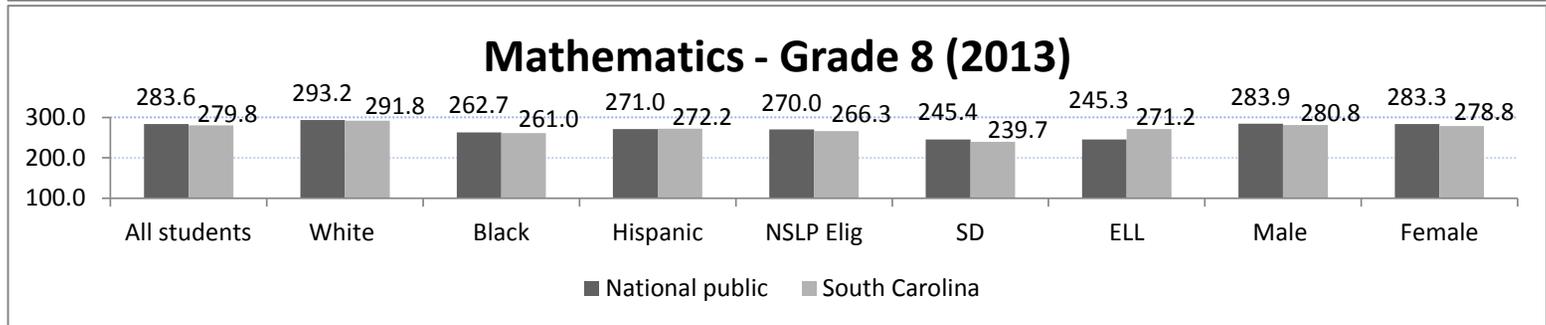
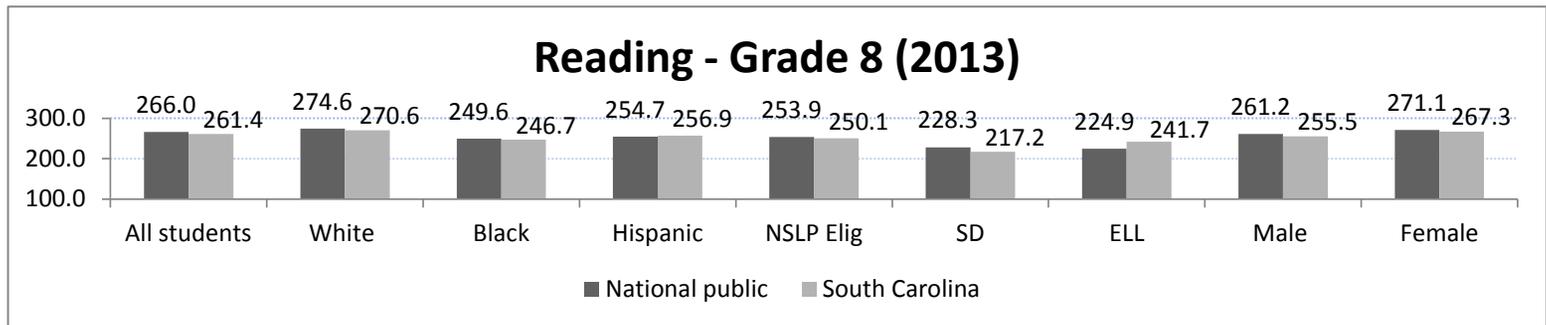
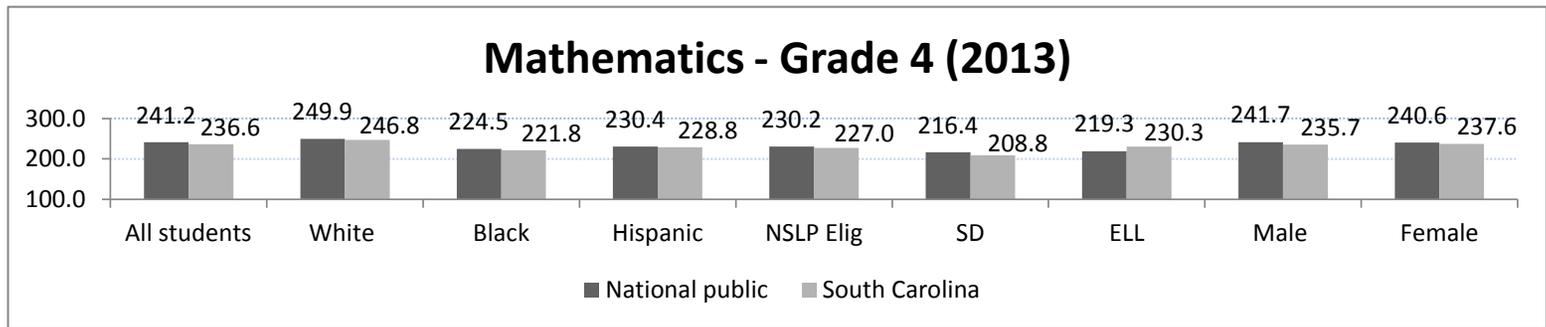
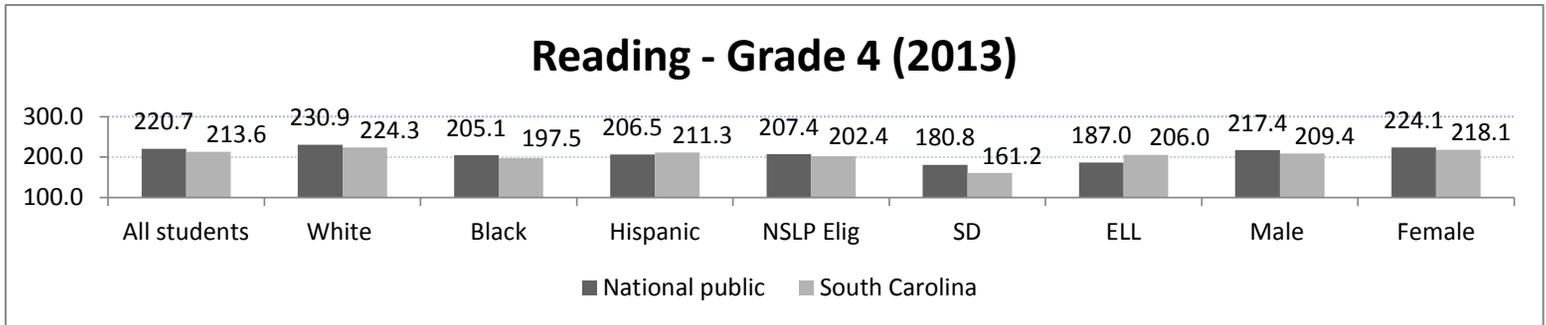
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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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