

Carolina Springs Elementary School

6340 Platt Springs Road
Lexington, SC 29073

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	979 Students	
Principal	Gregory W. Watchinski	803-821-5100
Superintendent	Dr. Karen C. Woodward	803-821-1000
Board Chair	Cynthia S. Smith	803-957-5095

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

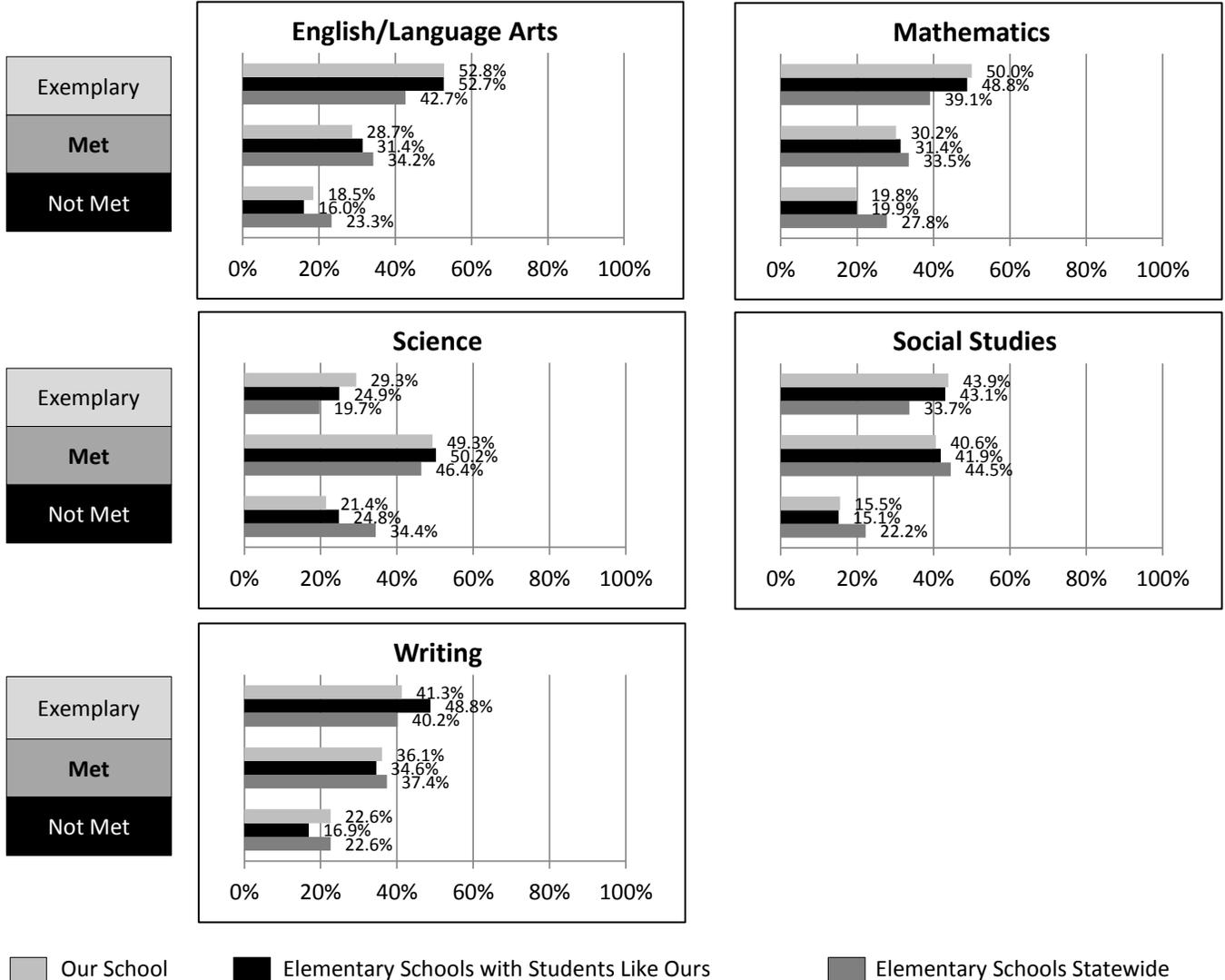
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 95.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
42	19	4	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 = 979)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 99.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Down from 0.8%	0.7%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.3%	Up from 96.2%	96.8%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.9%	Up from 9.5%	10.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.3%	Up from 11.9%	11.2%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.8%	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 59)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.7%	Up from 54.2%	63.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	91.5%	Up from 81.4%	82.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.8%	Up from 92.9%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.3%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,499	Up 2.3%	\$49,652	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Down from 14.9 days	10.4 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Down from 21.7 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.8%	Up from 90.9%	91.6%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Up from 97.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,322	Up 2.4%	\$7,073	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.0%	No change	68.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.3%	Up from 66.0%	67.6%	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

The 2013-2014 school year brought much to celebrate at Carolina Springs Elementary School. Although our school’s enrollment was as large as it had ever been with nearly 1,000 students, we successfully maintained a close “family feel” by creating positive relationships among all stakeholders.

CSES enjoyed wonderful accomplishments this year. The South Carolina Department of Education awarded the school a Palmetto Silver Award for closing achievement gaps. We were also selected, for the third time, as a model school by the Clemson University International Leaders in Education program and hosted teachers from seven different countries as part of our International Day.

Our faculty received a number of grants, and the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District named our Spanish Teacher Michael Frank the 2014 Teacher of the Year for the primary school division.

We had five students selected for the South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir, and our iPad Ensemble played the National Anthem at a USC Men’s basketball game. A number of students also participated in the Girls on the Run and Run Hard programs.

Our PTO had two very successful fundraisers this year, including a Boosterthon Fun Run and a Fall Carnival. The proceeds funded a cultural field trip for every grade level, Type to Learn software for computer labs, sunshades for each playground, and several other benefits to our students and faculty. We planned and hosted a number of fun activities to raise money for Relay For Life, JDRF and Jump Rope For Heart.

Academically, we had a very productive and successful year. Professional development focused on analyzing and using data to improve instruction and increasing rigor, which we immediately put into action in the classroom. Our students were challenged in ways that they never had been before, and the resulting growth was amazing. It made the ongoing challenge to find ways to meet the needs of our struggling learners even greater, however, by raising the bar for everyone.

Helping parents understand Common Core standards and how we were implementing them was also a challenge.

As we look ahead to next school year, the challenges of high enrollment will be helped somewhat by the opening of Deerfield Elementary. While we will certainly miss those families who are leaving us, we know there are great things in store for those who remain at CSES!

Principal Gregory W. Watchinski and SIC Chair Jonathan Hucks

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	163	93
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.2%	91.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.2%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.4%	92.1%	73.7%

* 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	92.9
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)

Carolina Springs Elementary School 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	0.9	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.3%	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	653.7	653.2	640.5	655.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	644.6	652.1	641.5	655.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	660.9	654.0	639.8	655.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	662.3	661.1	649.6	658.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	632.6	631.4	617.4	651.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	642.8	646.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	608.6	609.0	599.7	628.9	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	639.3	635.4	627.7	646.4	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	152	649.7	100.0	152	627.7	100.0
4	163	650.9	100.0	163	661.5	100.0	
5	160	643.5	99.4	160	636.3	99.4	
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	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	76	628.7	100.0	76	634.5	100.0	
4	163	634.7	100.0	163	669.7	100.0	
5	81	632.9	100.0	82	650.6	98.8	
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	157	672.2	100.0	157	642.3	100.0
4	154	639.4	100.0	154	655.6	100.0	
5	170	649.0	100.0	170	661.2	99.4	
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	79	640.4	100.0	78	646.0	100.0	
4	154	632.7	100.0	154	660.9	100.0	
5	86	654.9	100.0	84	656.0	98.8	
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 3201062

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	655.1	665.8	640.9	658.3	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	649.3	666.2	641.8	659.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	661.2	665.5	639.9	656.6	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	660.3	672.1	646.9	662.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	628.1	629.8	607.8	633.9	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	673.2	699.6	667.0	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	636.0	644.8	621.9	642.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.2	651.7	639.0	658.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	603.3	608.8	598.6	618.4	99.2	99.5	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.9	643.6	623.3	641.6	100.0	99.6	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	638.0	618.5	636.0	99.8	100.0	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	639.7	641.9	651.4	654.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	632.3	641.0	652.9	656.6	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	647.6	642.9	649.7	651.1	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
White	644.8	646.2	656.3	657.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	609.4	613.6	620.9	627.9	99.8	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.8	682.8	677.2	675.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	625.9	625.0	636.7	644.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	625.7	632.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	97.7	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.4	582.4	588.5	595.6	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.2	620.7	628.7	636.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	616.2	617.1	627.2	629.7	99.8	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	234.7	230.3	84.4	78.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	87.7
Male	229.9	230.3	84.6	78.7	99.4	99.4	100.0	83.5
Female	239.3	230.3	84.2	77.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	92.3
White	236.6	233.0	85.9	78.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	89.4
African American	223.4	212.8	76.6	72.3	99.1	99.1	100.0	76.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.8	257.2	88.6	84.6	97.1	97.1	100.0	97.7
Hispanic	230.3	223.2	80.7	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92.3
With Disabilities	203.5	198.5	66.1	68.4	97.0	97.6	100.0	51.8
Limited English Proficient	219.8	215.1	77.9	75.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.0
Subsidized Meals	224.2	216.6	78.3	74.1	99.2	99.0	100.0	76.4
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 3201062

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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*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	1

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