

Arden Elementary

1300 Ashley Street
Columbia, SC 29203

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	283 Students	
Principal	Dr. Peggie A. Grant	803-735-3400
Superintendent	Dr. Percy A. Mack	803-231-7500
Board Chair	Aaron Bishop	803-231-7556

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Below 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

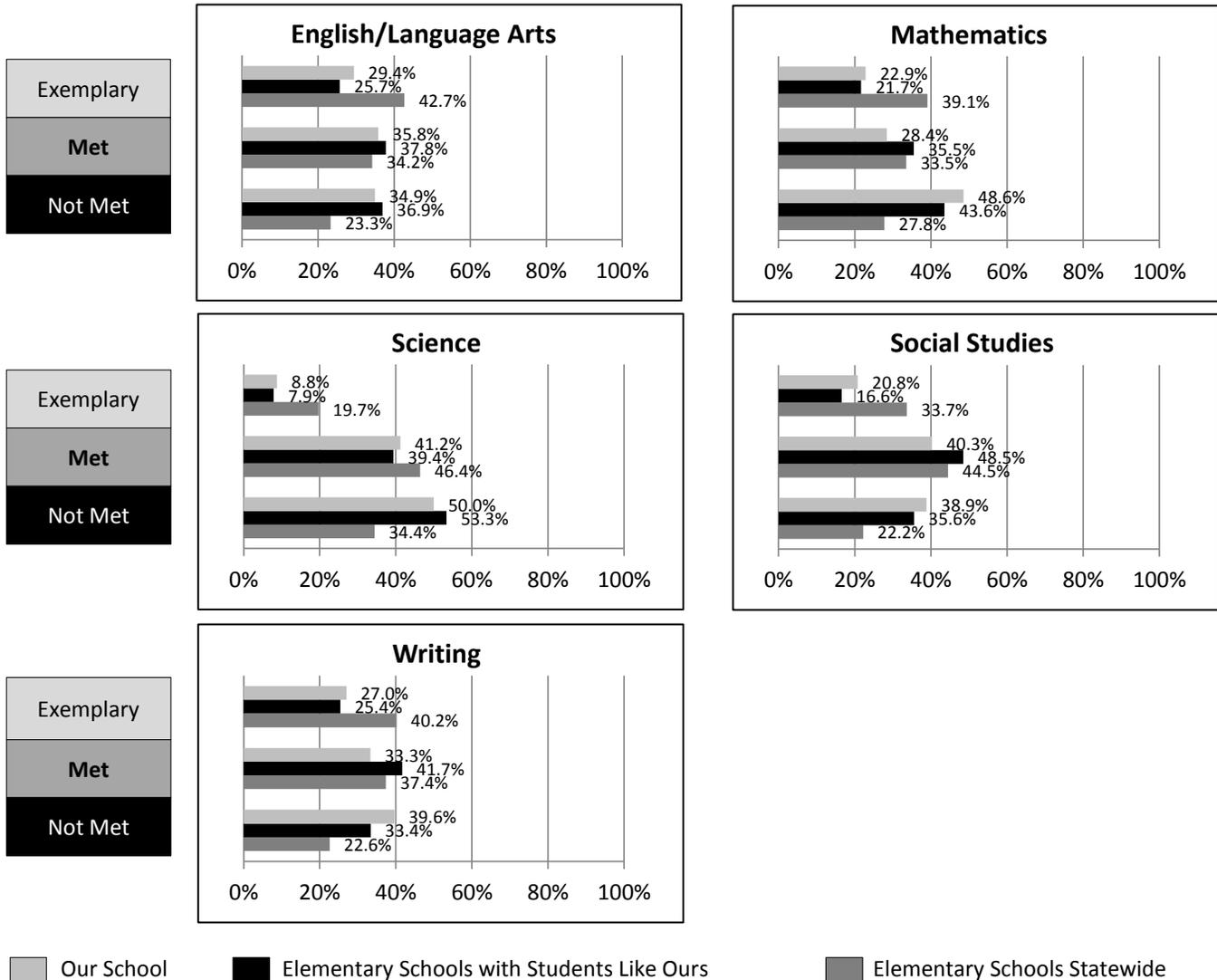
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	5	88	45	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 = 283)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	102.1%	Up from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	7.6%	Up from 1.9%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	94.8%	Down from 95.4%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.3%	Down from 3.5%	2.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	15.5%	Up from 14.7%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Up from 3.1%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	80.0%	Up from 73.9%	59.4%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.0%	Down from 91.3%	73.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.8%	Down from 84.9%	83.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 94.6%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,837	Down 2.6%	\$45,638	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	6.8 days	Down from 7.8 days	9.9 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 18.7 to 1	18.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Up from 89.9%	90.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.8%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,641	Up 6.1%	\$8,691	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.0%	Down from 76.0%	64.1%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.5%	Up from 73.0%	63.8%	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

Arden Elementary School continues to strive towards academic excellence in all facets of the educational arena to include academics and character education. Our goal is for students to not only excel academically, but to become model and productive citizens. In an effort to achieve our goal, we have continued to diligently provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum in a safe and supportive environment. Teachers utilize Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data, District common assessments, SuccessMaker reports, classroom formative data, and Dominion data to meet the individual learning needs of all students. We have implemented instructional strategies that allow for rigorous assessments and differentiated instruction. Teachers provide small group instruction and re-teaching plans based on data analysis for objectives mastery. Response to Intervention (RTI) process provides support for students in grades K-5th through various avenues of support for students’ needs. The implementation of the Common Core State Standards was main focus of the 2013-2014 school year.

Several of our teachers/staff members are currently enrolled in programs of higher education or taking courses to enhance teaching and learning in their classrooms. A few teachers participated in a Nature- based Inquiry Science project based on a grant sponsored by the University of South Carolina. Teachers and students created gardens to enhance teachers’ inquiry-based science teaching practices.

We have high expectations, committed and dedicated teachers, and on-going collaboration to foster a continual focus on learning for all students. Programs such as Accelerated Reader, Reading A-Z, Starfall, Balance Literacy, Leveled Literacy Intervention, SuccessMaker, Interest Clubs, Mentoring, and educational field trips support academic and behavioral success provided by our staff.

Our parents and community play key roles to our positive school climate and are major contributors to the school/community relationships that Arden exhibits. Overall, our parents support their children’s success by ensuring their child is ready for learning each day, attending parent conferences, volunteering by assisting with homework, attending Family Learning Night activities, and working with the laptop program.

Our School Improvement Council continues to provide suggestions to engage more parents in an effort to ensure student success. The guidance counselor, principal and council members recognized approximately 55 parents and volunteers at our End-of-the year celebration.

Arden has received many accolades for sustaining academic success. The school has earned an A rating on the ESEA wavier. The school is currently a recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for the high performance and exceptional improvement. The school continues to perceive Arden’s strength as its diversity which hinges on a more conscientious and flexible learning environment. Our students are supported by parents and community, i.e., United Way, Union United Methodist, and Columbia College volunteers who tutor and or serve as mentors.

Barbara Tiller, SIC Chair

Dr. Peggie Grant, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	38	16
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	89.5%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	86.4%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.7%	84.2%	75.0%

* 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	66.6
Overall Grade Conversion	D

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)

Arden 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	0.9	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	94.8%	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	619.6	610.1	599.4	617.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	607.2	603.3	594.0	614.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	634.9	618.5	606.3	622.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	610.7	600.5	589.2	602.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	640.8	635.7	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	574.5	558.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	643.6	637.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.7	608.2	595.8	616.2	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	36	645.1	100.0	36	619.5	100.0
4	40	611.2	100.0	40	627.1	100.0	
5	48	640.3	100.0	48	621.5	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	19	606.1	100.0	17	615.2	100.0
	4	40	600.7	100.0	40	625.2	100.0
	5	23	605.9	100.0	25	627.7	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	43	636.4	100.0	43	614.8	100.0
4	34	618.6	100.0	34	613.5	100.0	
5	42	604.5	100.0	42	603.1	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	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	21	598.8	100.0	22	627.8	100.0
	4	34	603.4	100.0	34	625.2	100.0
	5	19	593.2	100.0	23	599.1	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 4001020

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	635.8	627.0	611.2	635.9	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	630.1	625.3	610.9	635.0	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	641.7	628.8	611.5	637.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
White	682.9	679.4	660.6	680.4	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	624.0	613.1	598.8	624.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	647.8	653.9	629.2	641.2	100.0	100.0	98.5	N/A
Hispanic	632.0	630.7	607.3	639.2	100.0	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	588.7	578.4	573.3	599.2	99.1	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.9	627.4	599.8	625.0	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.9	613.3	598.1	623.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	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	618.9	620.8	627.9	636.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	610.3	617.1	625.5	637.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	627.4	624.4	630.3	635.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	668.1	668.3	683.4	692.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	605.1	607.0	612.1	620.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	636.3	650.8	654.6	670.4	98.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	621.0	626.8	630.5	644.4	100.0	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	573.5	580.1	581.4	596.7	100.0	100.0	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	603.1	619.3	617.0	630.9	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	603.7	606.4	610.3	620.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	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	224.5	216.3	76.2	71.7	99.6	99.3	100.0	74.1
Male	220.4	214.0	75.8	72.9	99.5	99.2	100.0	65.3
Female	228.6	218.6	76.6	70.7	99.7	99.4	100.0	82.2
White	244.6	242.8	88.8	80.4	99.7	99.7	100.0	81.0
African American	219.0	208.7	72.9	69.1	99.6	99.1	100.0	72.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.7
Hispanic	228.7	221.6	78.5	73.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.6	191.5	64.3	63.4	99.2	98.7	100.0	33.9
Limited English Proficient	211.7	210.9	73.3	66.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.5
Subsidized Meals	217.7	208.2	72.4	68.0	99.5	99.3	100.0	71.6
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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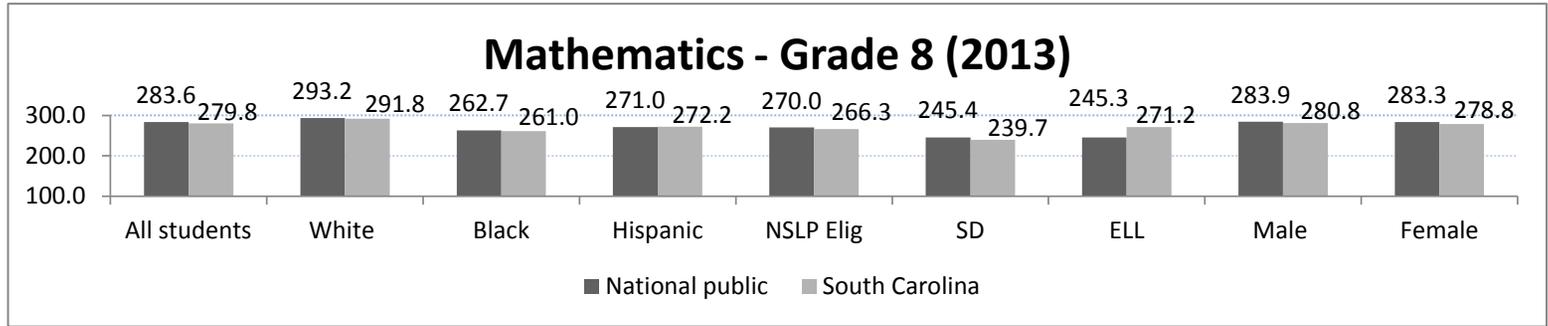
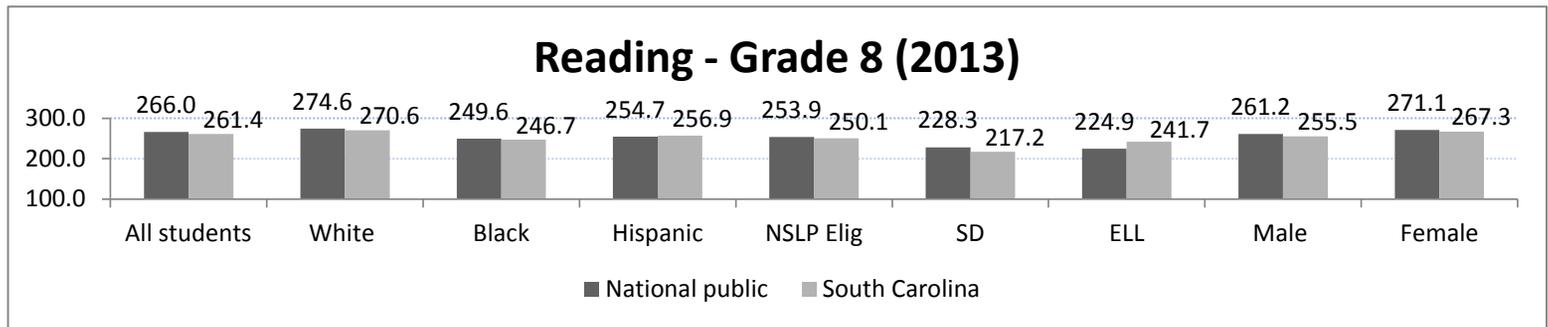
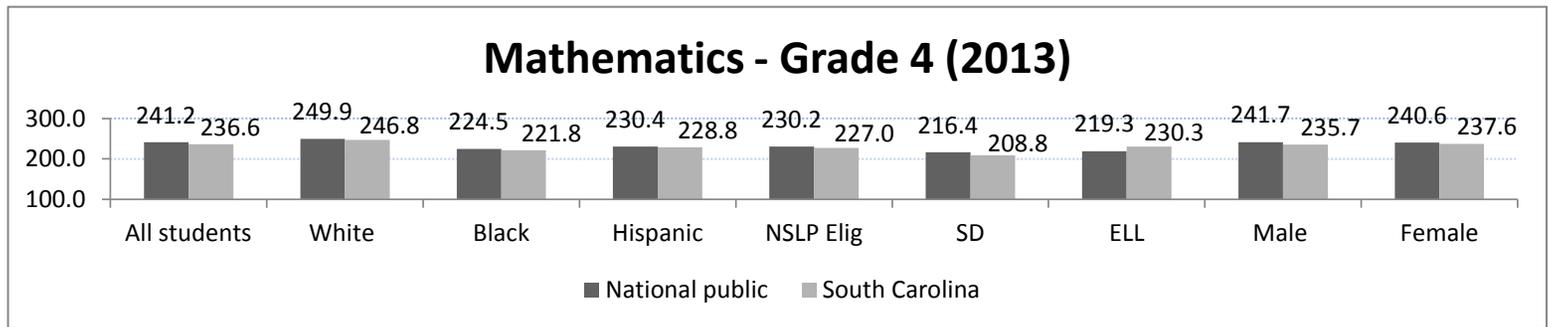
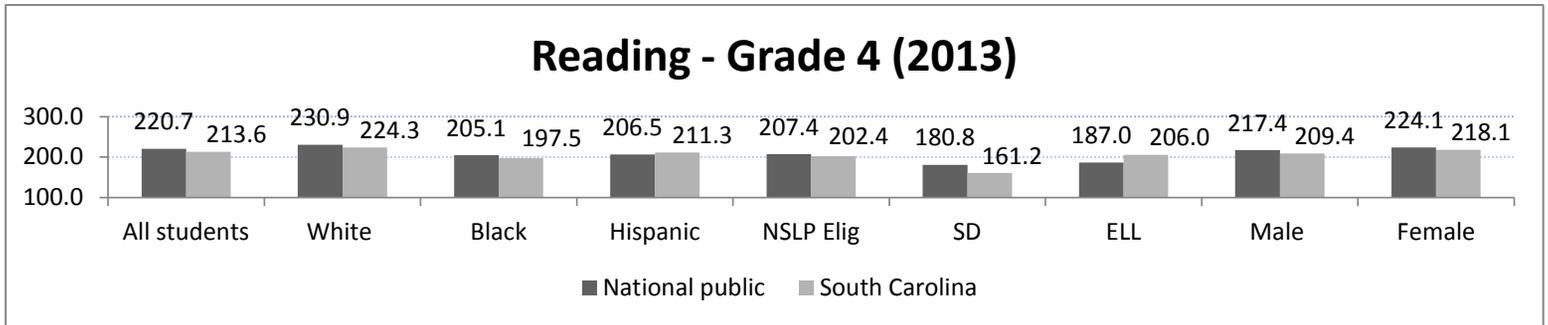
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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	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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