

Chesnee Elementary School

985 Fairfield Road
Chesnee, SC 29323

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	554 Students	
Principal	Deana S. Watson	864-461-7322
Superintendent	Dr. Scott J. Mercer	864-578-0128
Board Chair	Jack A. Mabry, Jr.	864-494-8266

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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

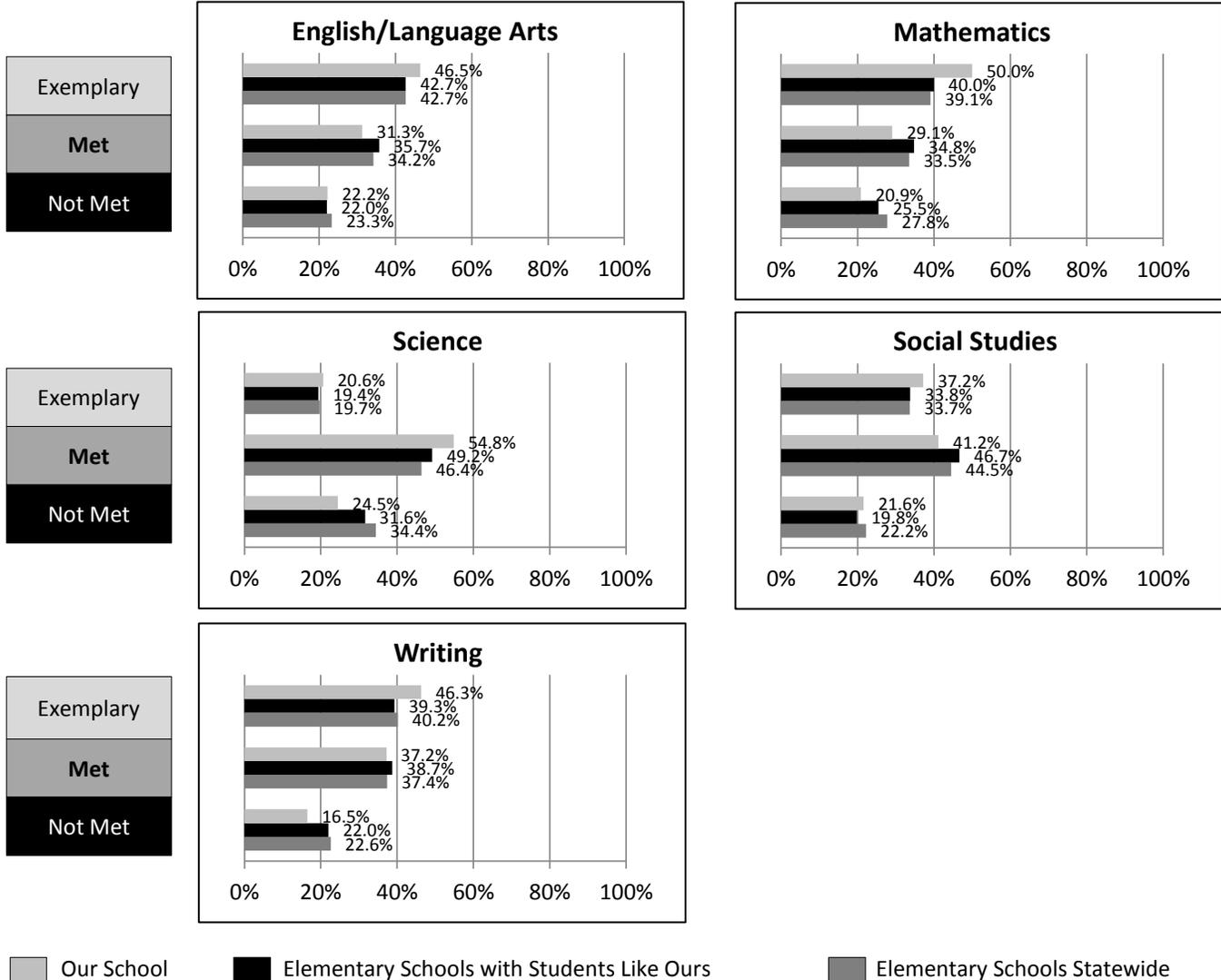
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
28	48	45	2	1

* 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 = 554)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Down from 0.8%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	99.9%	Up from 96.3%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.6%	Up from 10.2%	7.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.9%	Down from 15.6%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Down from 1.1%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.6%	Down from 58.8%	60.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 82.4%	83.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.4%	Down from 89.1%	89.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.9%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,784	Down 0.7%	\$48,486	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	8.3 days	Down from 9.0 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Up from 19.0 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.1%	Up from 90.6%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,885	Up 8.9%	\$7,523	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.7%	Down from 64.0%	66.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.7%	Up from 61.0%	65.9%	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

Chesnee Elementary School’s faculty, staff, and administrators work together to inspire and equip students to become champion learners and achievers. All experiences are planned to promote the common goals of building a strong, educational program rooted in academic achievement, social interaction, character development, and physical health. Seeking to support academic development, kindergarten through fifth grade classes are involved in the research-based 100 Book Challenge Reading Program to strengthen fluency and comprehension. To increase a love for reading and to reach the school goal of having all third graders reading on grade level, grants enable students to choose eight free books a year. To better assist reluctant readers, the addition of a reading interventionist allows extra attention in small groups for students who need more time to develop fundamental reading skills. With a balanced literacy approach, individual needs are addressed to enhance achievement in all areas. In addition, technology instruction continues to expand, to prepare students for their futures in college and the workplace.

To cultivate an appreciation for the arts during 2013-2014, students participated in the tenth annual drama production as well as the annual art show. A partnership with the Spartanburg County Arts Foundation to help provide numerous art/music activities for our students through the MUSE Machine Grant is in its fifth year. The school also continued its partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Upstate to provide an extensive variety of afterschool opportunities.

Students and teachers work with three instructional coaches to broaden the use of effective techniques in the classrooms and increase individual student achievement. Teachers and staff continue to participate in training to transform teaching in order to guide students in research, thinking deeper, reading for details, using technology, and writing to explain thinking. Teachers eagerly participate in workshops and share regarding current trends in education and technology. Teachers recognize the importance of professional growth with the goal of increasing student performance.

Six PTO programs, each beginning with student performances, were conducted this year. Participation in three family nights, designed to help parents understand how to academically assist their children, exceeded school attendance expectations. The school guidance department conducted the third career fair for third through fifth graders. As determined by Title I surveys, parents are excited about the available educational programs at Chesnee Elementary School.

Cody Turner, SIC Chairperson

Deana S. Watson, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	39	83	46
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	91.5%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.0%	95.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.9%	85.7%	95.8%

* 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	87.6
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)

Chesnee 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	0.8	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	3.2%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	99.9%	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	644.9	654.7	631.6	642.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	642.8	652.6	637.1	644.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	647.8	657.6	624.3	640.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	648.5	658.3	636.5	644.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	587.3	588.4	N/A	586.0	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	633.1	645.8	618.9	633.3	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	76	657.6	100.0	76	643.5	100.0
4	94	636.0	100.0	94	643.1	100.0	
5	63	658.0	100.0	63	641.9	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	38	627.2	100.0	38	636.4	100.0
	4	94	619.4	100.0	94	652.1	100.0
	5	31	646.6	100.0	32	621.1	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	75	656.9	100.0	75	653.9	100.0
4	79	641.4	100.0	79	654.7	100.0	
5	92	638.1	100.0	92	655.3	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	38	632.9	100.0	37	649.7	100.0
	4	79	627.0	100.0	79	644.2	100.0
	5	46	637.8	100.0	46	634.1	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 4202018

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	648.7	651.1	633.2	649.6	99.6	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	644.2	651.2	635.1	650.9	99.7	99.8	99.9	N/A
Female	653.4	650.9	631.3	648.3	99.6	99.8	99.9	N/A
White	653.6	655.8	639.0	653.3	99.7	99.8	99.9	N/A
African American	632.5	628.7	612.8	635.0	99.6	100.0	99.4	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	648.6	654.2	634.1	661.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	629.5	639.7	612.3	634.9	99.1	99.5	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	601.5	598.7	590.1	607.8	97.5	98.9	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.4	645.4	619.6	644.1	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	634.8	637.0	619.7	635.8	99.6	99.8	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	644.2	643.9	650.0	652.8	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Male	637.2	642.1	650.4	656.2	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
Female	652.1	645.9	649.7	649.0	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
White	650.7	649.1	657.1	657.6	99.6	99.6	99.8	N/A
African American	622.6	621.5	624.1	634.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	647.1	653.2	651.1	666.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	617.8	626.6	626.7	633.4	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	600.9	596.8	604.0	609.7	98.4	98.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.7	634.9	631.0	643.4	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.6	630.6	635.3	639.0	99.7	99.7	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	231.6	226.1	82.8	75.0	99.5	99.5	100.0	82.9
Male	228.8	227.0	82.9	76.1	99.3	99.3	100.0	77.5
Female	235.3	224.9	82.6	73.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	88.6
White	233.6	228.3	84.6	76.1	99.5	99.5	100.0	81.9
African American	224.9	213.6	77.3	70.9	98.9	98.9	100.0	87.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	227.0	228.3	78.5	74.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.8
Hispanic	225.0	221.8	77.8	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	79.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	203.6	197.5	71.2	66.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	41.9
Limited English Proficient	216.0	215.7	72.5	70.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	73.6
Subsidized Meals	225.6	219.6	79.2	71.8	99.4	99.4	100.0	75.9
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 4202018

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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