Houston Elementary School

1475 Skylyn Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	371 Students	
Principal	Thomas M. Stokes	864-594-4448
Superintendent	Dr. Russell W. Booker	864-594-4400
Board Chair	Rick L. Gray	864-594-4405

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	**Average**	**Average**
2013	Below Average	At-Risk
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
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
http://www.eoc.sc.gov

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

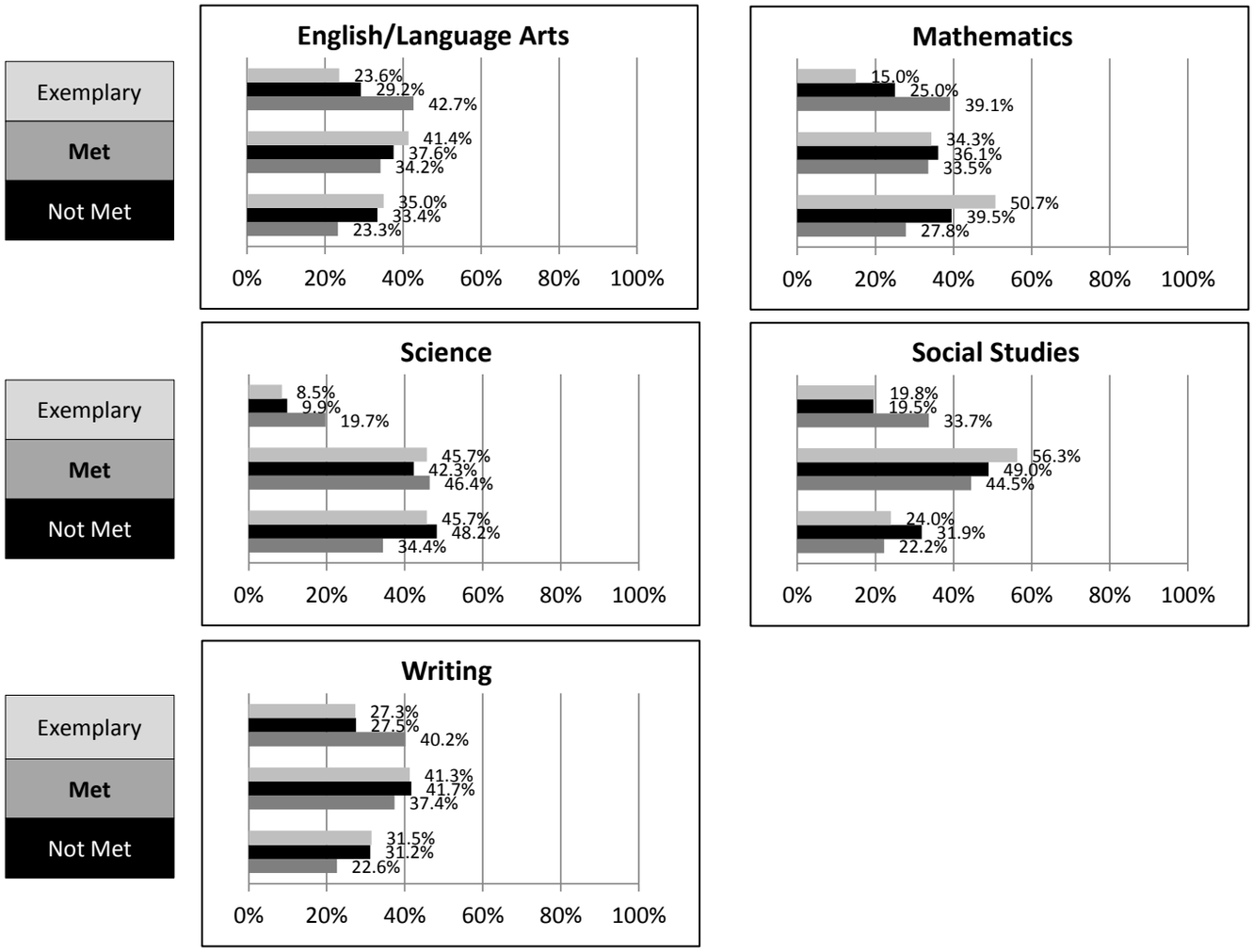
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located	95.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
5	13	123	36	11

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



Our School | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Elementary Schools Statewide

* 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 = 371)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	3.6%	Up from 2.7%	1.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.6%	Down from 5.0%	3.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.6%	Down from 15.4%	13.9%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.9%	Up from 3.6%	2.7%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.7%	Down from 74.2%	61.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	84.8%	Up from 80.6%	76.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.6%	Up from 78.6%	84.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 94.6%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$49,742	Up 0.7%	$46,501	$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	11.7 days	Down from 13.0 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 18.3 to 1	18.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 87.8%	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	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,367	Down 12.6%	$8,135	$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.8%	Up from 66.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.5%	Up from 65.0%	64.8%	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

Houston Elementary students strive to achieve excellence on a daily basis. Our well-trained and dedicated faculty works diligently to provide each of our students with an enriched educational experience. Six teachers have obtained National Board Certification, 85% of the faculty is gifted and talented endorsed, and 100% of the faculty is highly qualified. For the sixth consecutive year, Houston received a Below Average absolute rating on the state report card. We continue to experience growth and advancements in technology. Each teacher received an Apple iPad and we are moving toward a digital conversion of teaching and learning. Additionally, each student in grades 3-5 was issued an iPad. Teachers and students make use of the iPads as a learning tool to enhance the learning process.

Our students distinguish themselves in numerous academic and special areas. Fifteen students participated in our district's gifted and talented program. Six of these students scored in the top 10% in the National Wordmaster Competition. Our art students were recognized in the Piedmont Interstate Fair and the S.C. State Fair. Fifteen third grade students received the Rotary Math Excellence Award, two students performed in the District's musical production, and seventeen students participated in our band, orchestra and honors chorus program. Each month twenty-one of our students were recognized as Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids.

To promote wellness and commitment to the total growth of the child, our students participated in Walk to School, Bike to School, Girls on the Run, Houston Running Club, the First Tee, Healthy Snack Program, and Creative Expressions Dance Club. Family and school connections are strengthened through our monthly Family First breakfast, PTO, School Improvement Council, and our Fall Family Luncheon.

Houston Elementary has received several honors and set an expectation of excellence during the 2013-2014 school year. We are pleased to serve your children and encourage each of you to continue to take an active role in the education of your child.

Thomas M. Stokes, Principal Raiford Collins, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	48	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	73.1%	85.4%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.5%	91.7%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	42.3%	68.1%	76.0%

* 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	**68.3**
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	Peformance 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)

Houston 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	6	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.2%	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	620.6	606.5	603.4	623.3	100.0	100.0	99.0
Male	622.5	608.5	607.7	628.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	618.5	604.4	598.5	617.5	100.0	100.0	97.9
White	639.2	625.2	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	96.8
African American	612.6	597.9	593.2	616.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.5	602.0	597.7	620.2	100.0	100.0	98.8
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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	50	635.7	100.0	50	617.5	100.0
	4	52	600.3	100.0	52	599.5	100.0
	5	49	630.1	100.0	49	616.2	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	25	588.5	96.0	25	621.3	100.0
	4	52	581.0	100.0	52	605.4	100.0
	5	25	604.6	100.0	24	637.6	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	51	623.0	100.0	51	612.2	100.0
	4	55	620.7	100.0	55	614.8	100.0
	5	44	618.0	100.0	44	591.1	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	25	595.5	96.2	25	625.7	100.0
	4	55	606.4	100.0	55	620.6	100.0
	5	21	604.8	100.0	23	626.9	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 4207079

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	634.9	628.6	618.3	639.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	632.1	630.0	620.4	641.4	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	638.1	627.1	615.8	636.9	99.6	99.5	99.6	N/A
White	671.5	668.7	661.0	676.0	99.8	99.6	99.5	N/A
African American	612.6	603.8	592.3	615.7	99.7	99.8	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	654.5	662.2	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	624.0	617.4	613.0	632.0	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	588.3	583.5	574.4	600.5	99.2	99.6	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	625.5	620.6	612.8	634.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	615.2	606.5	596.2	617.8	99.8	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	617.4	623.4	627.2	631.6	99.5	99.4	99.5	N/A
Male	610.9	622.7	626.7	633.9	99.5	99.4	99.8	N/A
Female	624.6	624.3	627.7	629.1	99.5	99.5	99.2	N/A
White	648.5	652.5	658.1	660.0	99.1	99.1	99.2	N/A
African American	596.8	602.9	605.1	611.2	99.6	99.5	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	631.1	650.3	643.5	659.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	608.6	617.4	625.5	625.3	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	564.4	580.6	584.3	581.4	98.4	98.0	98.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.2	623.0	626.6	633.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	599.1	604.9	608.3	612.7	99.5	99.4	99.5	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	229.2	222.8	84.4	74.4	99.5	99.5	100.0	80.3
Male	227.1	222.4	85.9	75.7	99.5	99.5	100.0	77.5
Female	231.2	223.1	83.0	73.3	99.6	99.6	100.0	83.6
White	244.5	242.6	91.6	83.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	87.9
African American	218.4	208.7	78.8	68.8	99.2	99.2	100.0	75.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.0
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.8
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.5	192.6	70.4	N/A	98.1	98.1	100.0	26.5
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.0
Subsidized Meals	220.0	210.7	79.5	68.7	99.6	99.6	100.0	71.7
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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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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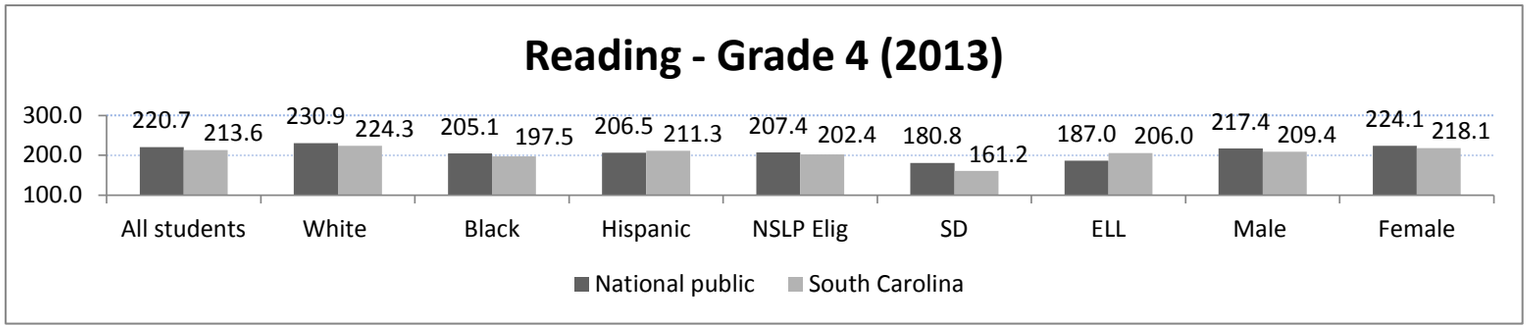
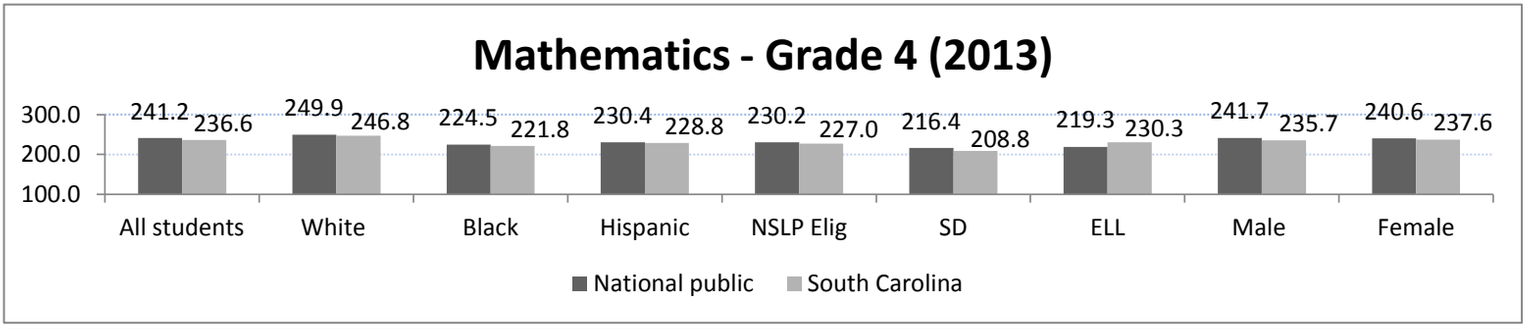
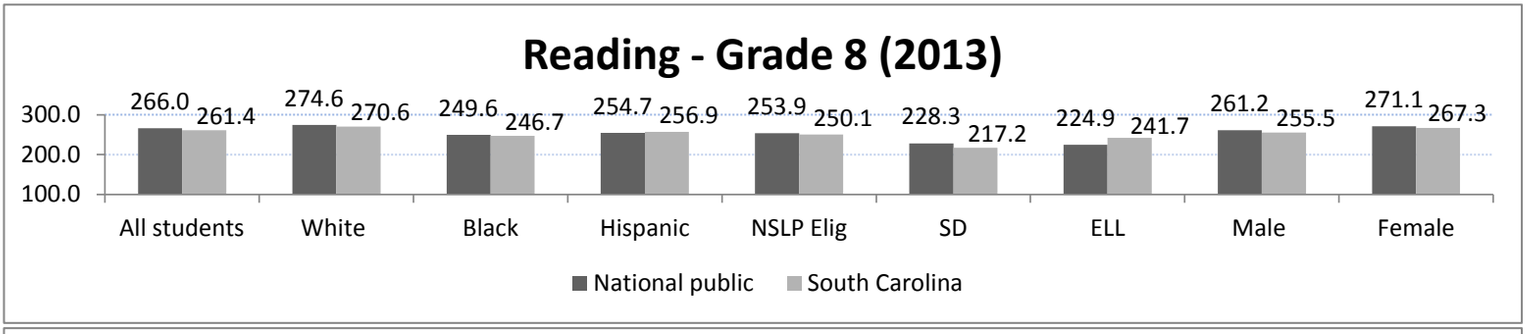
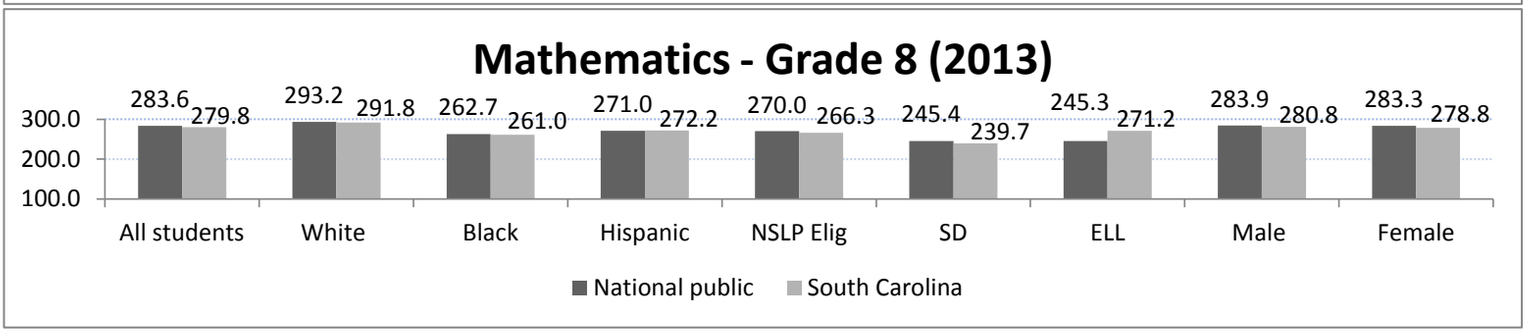
**Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.*









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	0

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable | N/AV-Not Available | N/C-Not Collected | N/R-Not Reported | I/S-Insufficient Sample