

Whale Branch Early College High School

169 Detour Road
Seabrook, SC 29940

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	532 Students	
Principal	Priscilla Drake	843-466-2700
Superintendent	Dr. Jeffrey Moss	843-322-2300
Board Chair	Bill Evans	843-322-2357

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A

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.

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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
8	18	10	0	0

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

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

Percent	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Passed both subtests	79.7%	75.4%	65.2%	70.6%	71.9%	69.5%
Passed one subtest	11.0%	16.4%	19.6%	16.3%	16.3%	19.4%
Passed no subtests	9.3%	8.2%	15.2%	13.1%	12.5%	11.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014

	Our High School	High Schools w/ Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.3%	90.5%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014*	2013	2014
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	120	119	170	167
Number of Graduates in Cohort	89	92	128	131
Rate	74.2%	77.3%	74.4%	78.9%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Number of Students in Cohort	146	119	169	174
Number of Graduates in Cohort	122	90	131	136
Rate	83.6%	75.6%	76.0%	78.6%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	61.6%	76.4%
English 1	64.4%	64.4%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	68.3%	69.6%
US History and the Constitution	50.0%	55.8%
All Subjects	61.2%	66.4%

* High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 532)				
Retention Rate	10.2%	Up from 0.6%	3.9%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	96.7%	Up from 96.6%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	13.7%	Up from 10.5%	15.6%	17.7%
With disabilities	10.2%	Down from 10.3%	12.5%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	8.3%	Up from 6.8%	8.6%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5%	Down from 6.9%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No change	9.1%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	33.3%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.7%	Down from 31.0%	30.0%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 4.2%	10.4%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	387	Up from 360	290	423
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.6%	Up from 0	10.5%	13.1%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	80.1%	Up from 79.7%	83.5%	84.5%
Career/technology students completers placed	100.0%	No change	97.2%	98.7%
Annual dropout rate	3.0%	Up from 2.6%	2.3%	2.1%
Dropout Recovery Rate	12.5%	N/A	6.0%	4.0%
Teachers (n = 34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.6%	Up from 62.5%	61.7%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	38.2%	Down from 46.9%	75.6%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.5%	N/A	83.9%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.2%	95.2%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,392	Down 1.1%	\$47,245	\$48,414
Professional development days/teacher	10.4 days	Up from 10.1 days	10.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.8 to 1	Up from 28.1 to 1	24.5 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 89.1%	90.0%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,150	Up 28.3%	\$9,267	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.7%	Up from 50.0%	54.7%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	51.5%	Down from 54.0%	55.8%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.1%	Down from 98.5%	99.3%	98.7%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Good	Good

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2014	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	103	90.3%	497	61.2%	119	77.3%
Gender						
Male	47	87.2%	240	60.4%	56	69.6%
Female	56	92.9%	257	61.9%	63	84.1%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	21	90.5%	95	70.5%	23	65.2%
African American	77	89.6%	381	57.7%	90	80.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	19	84.2%	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	12	41.7%	46	19.6%	15	26.7%
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	82	87.8%	350	56.0%	92	73.9%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School

Whale Branch Early College High School graduated its first class of true Warriors this June. Within this class there were many success stories. The number of students graduating with Associate degrees and certificates increased. Sixteen of our seniors graduated from the Technical College of the Lowcountry, seven with Associate degrees and five of the seven had double Associate degrees. One out of every three student in the senior class graduated with college credits. Ninety-six percent of our seniors graduated with college acceptance letters or contracts to join the military.

Whale Branch Early College High School also has students who will be attending college on full academic and athletic scholarships.

While our students were successful academically, success was also experienced athletically. We had a student wrestler who was a back to back Heavy Weight State Wrestling Champion, Girls and Boys Basketball teams were Region champions, Boys Basketball team was back to back Lower-State champions and State Runner-up, There were also State Championship winners among the Track and Field teams. There were a number of students who were selected for All State and Region Player of the Year. As always, we are proud of the accomplishments of our Warrior family.

Our parents and teachers work together as a team to ensure that our students get the most out of their educational experience. We take pride in offering a quality education in a safe learning environment where children are mentored, nurtured, and challenged to always be the best.

Priscilla Drake, Principal

Sonya Wilson, SIC President

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	95	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.2%	72.7%	94.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.6%	74.5%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.9%	86.1%	66.6%

* Only students at the highest High 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 High 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	75.5
Overall Grade Conversion	C

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)

Whale Branch Early College High 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.
X	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	8.1	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.2	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	9.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.7%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all High and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all high and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 9-12								
All Students	220.1	211.1	74.8	70.4	99.3	100.0	100.0	77.3
Male	216.6	209.0	75.7	70.7	98.7	100.0	100.0	69.6
Female	224.1	213.5	73.6	70.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.1
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	65.2
African American	218.5	209.4	74.9	69.2	99.0	100.0	100.0	80.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	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	26.7
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	214.9	206.2	72.9	69.6	98.9	100.0	N/A	73.9
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

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two-Year High School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	10	197.8	100.0	10	194.3	100.0
	10	115	222.4	100.0	115	217.1	100.0
	11	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
	12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	64	N/A	100.0	1	I/S	100.0
	10	105	73.4	100.0	9	I/S	100.0
	11	3	I/S	100.0	84	65.7	100.0
	12	0	I/S	I/S	3	I/S	100.0

2014	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	16	203.7	94.1	17	188.2	100.0
	10	111	222.4	100.0	111	214.5	100.0
	11	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
	12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	17	64.7	100.0	3	I/S	100.0
	10	109	76.3	100.0	19	65.6	100.0
	11	0	I/S	I/S	102	71.7	100.0
	12	0	I/S	I/S	2	I/S	100.0

NOTE: ELA and Math N-counts are based on number of students. Science and History N-counts are based on number of End-of-Course Biology 1 and US History and the Constitution tests administered. Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)

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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	644.3	653.8	625.0	639.2	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	639.7	654.9	626.2	641.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	649.1	652.7	623.8	636.6	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
White	667.6	681.4	649.5	658.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
African American	618.0	620.2	598.2	616.5	99.7	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.7	710.5	666.4	666.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	632.1	641.9	611.4	631.4	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	600.7	587.1	607.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	629.2	639.8	608.2	629.1	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.1	633.3	608.1	624.2	99.7	99.7	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	626.2	637.0	631.3	633.8	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	618.1	635.2	630.9	635.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	634.2	638.8	631.8	631.8	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	650.3	659.4	652.4	654.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
African American	602.1	610.3	610.7	613.6	99.9	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.1	685.8	670.7	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	609.1	626.0	614.9	619.0	99.9	99.9	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	564.1	582.1	577.1	591.2	99.8	100.0	99.1	N/A
Limited English Proficient	599.2	617.8	606.0	612.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	607.0	618.1	614.2	617.2	99.9	99.9	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	232.3	226.8	83.1	75.3	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.3
Male	228.4	227.2	83.6	75.7	98.5	98.8	100.0	73.5
Female	236.2	226.3	82.6	74.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.7
White	241.7	237.9	88.6	79.8	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.0
African American	220.7	211.7	75.7	69.3	98.7	99.1	100.0	74.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.4
Hispanic	225.7	221.3	80.5	73.2	98.1	98.1	100.0	72.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.2	194.9	67.5	63.0	98.3	98.3	100.0	40.1
Limited English Proficient	218.0	213.7	76.2	69.6	98.9	98.9	100.0	68.4
Subsidized Meals	223.2	215.9	77.9	71.0	99.0	99.3	100.0	71.4
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

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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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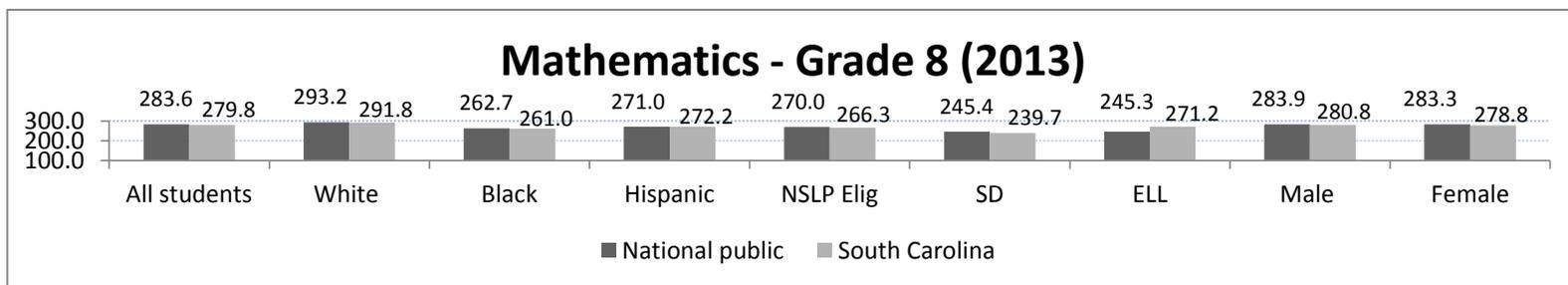
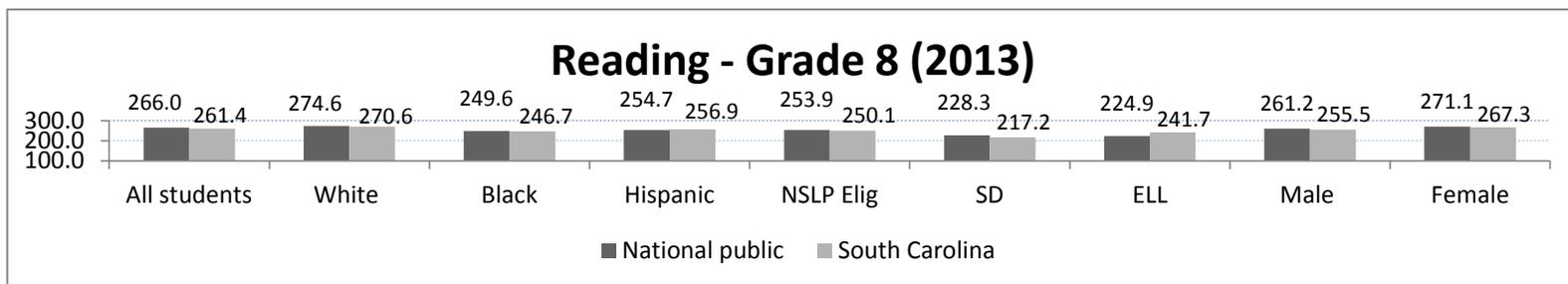
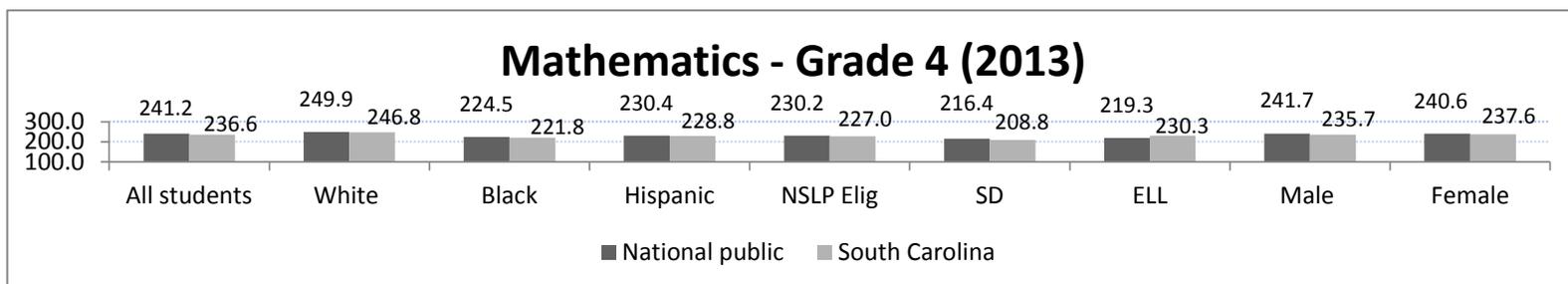
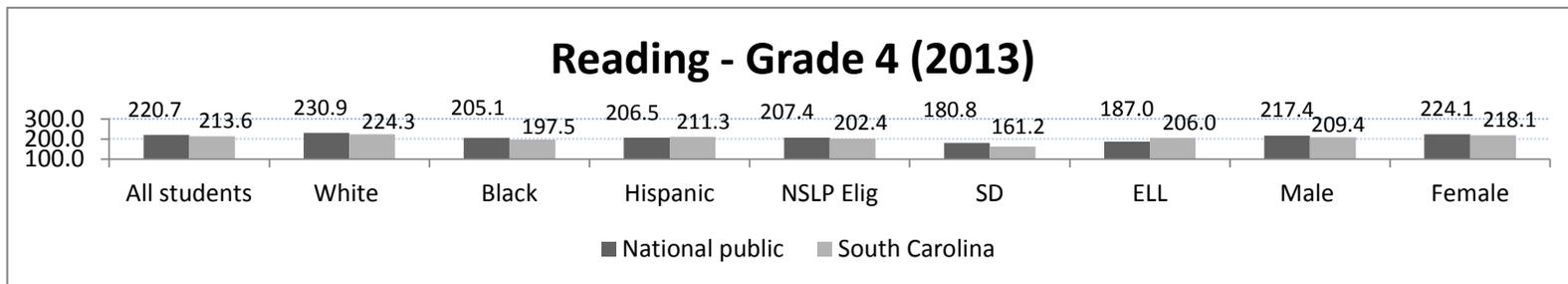
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Key

- 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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