

HE McCracken Middle School

250 H. E. McCracken Circle
Bluffton, SC 29910

Grades	8-9 Middle School	
Enrollment	979 Students	
Principal	J. Todd Bornscheuer	843-706-8700
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	Below Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	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.

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<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

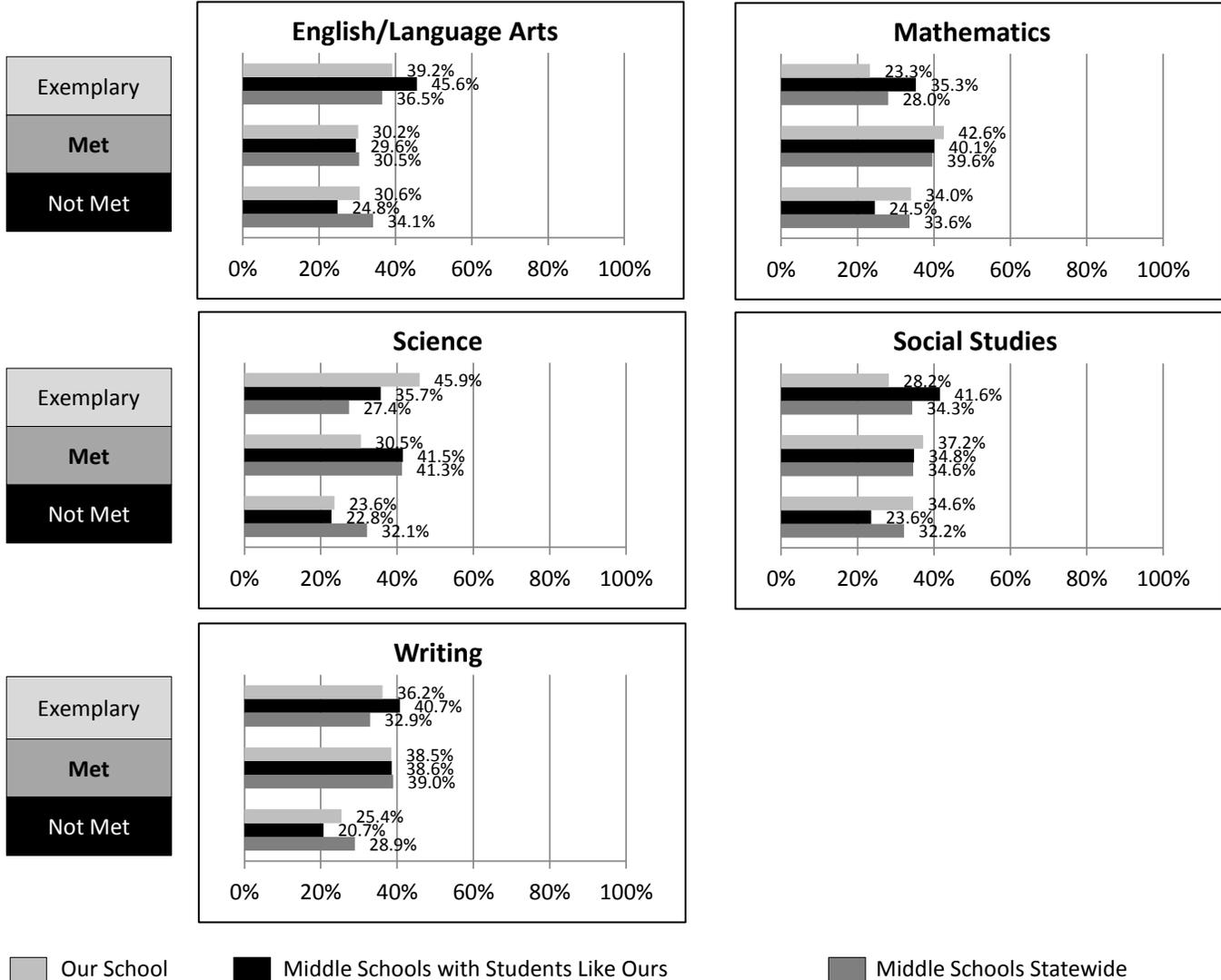
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
19	13	7	1	0

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

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle 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.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 979)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	91.9%	Up from 5.3%	33.3%	26.0%
Retention Rate	4.2%	Up from 3.1%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.9%	Up from 96.5%	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	26.4%	Up from 25.1%	25.4%	19.4%
With disabilities	6.4%	Down from 8.3%	11.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	5.5%	Down from 5.8%	3.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.9%	Down from 4.8%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 62)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.1%	No change	64.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	64.5%	Down from 76.8%	78.1%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.5%	Up from 70.9%	87.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.3%	Up from 93.2%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,846	Up 2.3%	\$48,817	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	18.5 days	Up from 4.1 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.4 to 1	Up from 21.0 to 1	21.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.6%	Up from 87.0%	90.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,599	Up 9.0%	\$7,298	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.7%	Down from 66.0%	63.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.1%	Up from 57.0%	62.7%	61.3%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	84.0%	98.3%
English 1	80.0%	94.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	0.0%	0.0%
All Subjects	83.0%	97.9%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

H.E. McCracken Middle School’s mantra is “Together We Will.” The students, faculty and staff of McCracken had a great school year in and out of the classroom. Thirty-eight students qualified as Junior Scholars based on PSAT scores. Nineteen students qualified for college engineering credit based on End of Course scores in Introduction to Engineering Design. In 2012-2013, thirty-one students received Advanced Placement Scores in Human Geography that qualified them for college credit. We increased enrollment in this course in the 2013-14 school year and anticipate even more receiving college credit qualification. Preliminary End of Course Test scores for 2013-14 were in at the time of this publication. Based on those, all three testable areas (Algebra I, English I and Biology) showed growth. Fourteen students “tested out” of English as a Second Language programming. We implemented an “Eight-Point-Five” program for select students who failed to meet promotion criteria for ninth grade. Seventy-three percent are being promoted to tenth grade.

Our students were successful in co-curricular activities as well. Football, boys’ basketball and track were all district champions. Our softball and baseball teams were runners-up. Our athletes in the Fall of 2013 held an overall GPA of 3.376, with 94% of our athletes meeting and exceeding the district’s 2.0 policy. Forty-nine of our athletes selected as Academic All-Stars by Beaufort County School District. The Science Olympiad placed fourth in the state. Seventy students were inducted in the new Junior National Honor Society. Four HEMMS band students were chosen attend the South Carolina Band Directors’ Association Spring Festival in 2014 and three were selected to all-region band, a feat uncommon for ninth grade students.

“Together We Will” look forward to even greater accomplishments in the 2014-2015 school year. We will be providing the opportunity for all eighth grade students to gain Carnegie Unit credit in computers for the first time. This will allow students to focus on specific four year programs of study beginning in ninth grade. We will have a student Service Learning class, where student leaders will guide our school’s anti-bullying campaign and community service projects. We will partner with Bluffton High School to expand the Eight-Point-Five program to ninth grade. We will begin the planning phase of our transition to an Arts-Infused and Project Lead the Way Engineering school for the 2015-2016 school year. We will participate in Making Middle Grades Work, a national initiative emphasizing the power of collective leadership for more effective student outcomes.

A lot is happening at H.E. McCracken Middle. We hope you will answer the call to be involved as we grow our Parent-Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council. Give us a call to learn how you can be more connected and ensure student success. “Together We Will” build a great future for our students.

By Todd Bornscheuer, HEMMS Principal and Loretta Kefford, HEMMS SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	47	373	205
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.3%	56.3%	74.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.5%	64.9%	64.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.3%	78.9%	58.4%

* Only students at the highest middle 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	77.8
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)

HE McCracken Middle 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	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	24.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.9%	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 6-8							
All Students	625.5	626.5	643.2	625.8	100.0	100.0	98.4
Male	617.7	623.1	649.6	625.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	633.1	629.7	636.7	625.9	100.0	100.0	96.9
White	638.1	634.8	654.2	638.9	100.0	100.0	97.8
African American	609.6	611.4	624.7	606.9	100.0	100.0	97.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	609.6	615.3	631.9	609.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	579.0	592.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	597.3	608.2	617.1	606.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	611.7	614.1	628.6	613.4	100.0	100.0	96.9
Migrant	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

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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	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
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	469	630.4	99.8	469	623.9	99.8	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
8	234	633.2	98.3	234	624.9	97.4	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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	496	625.5	100.0	496	626.5	99.6	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	N/A	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	N/A
8	247	643.2	98.0	243	625.8	98.8	

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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 0701026

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 0701026

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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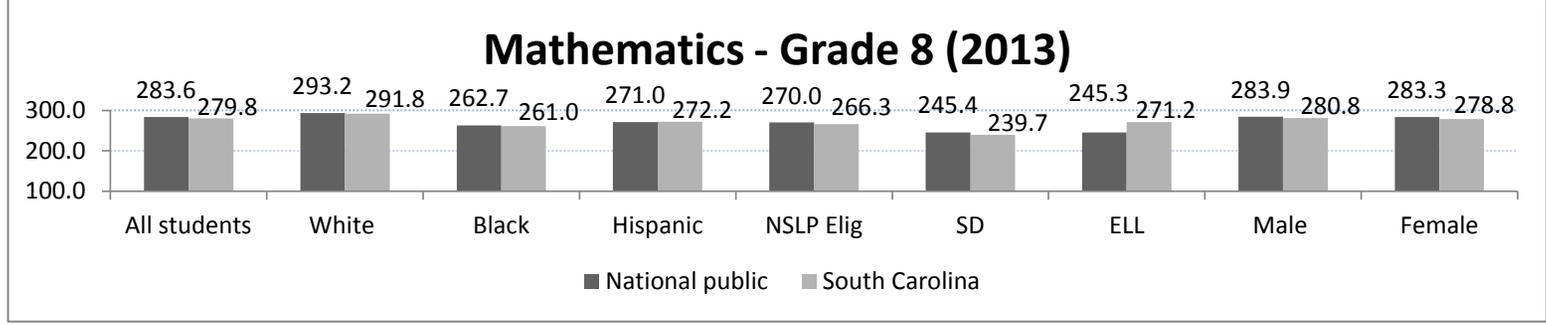
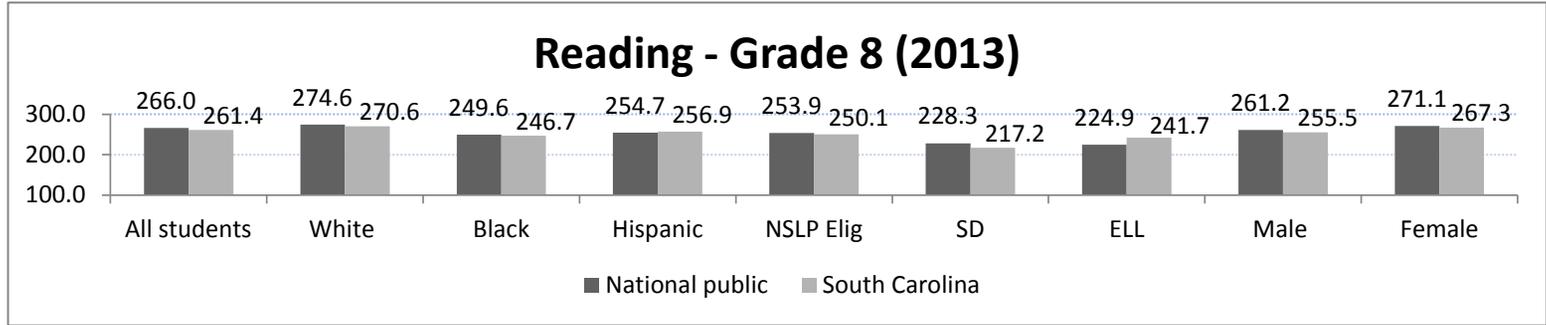
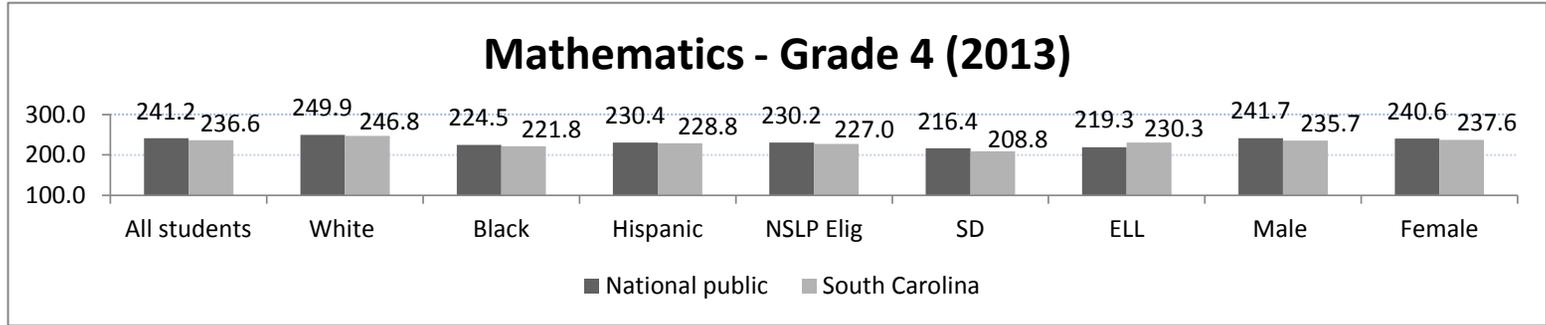
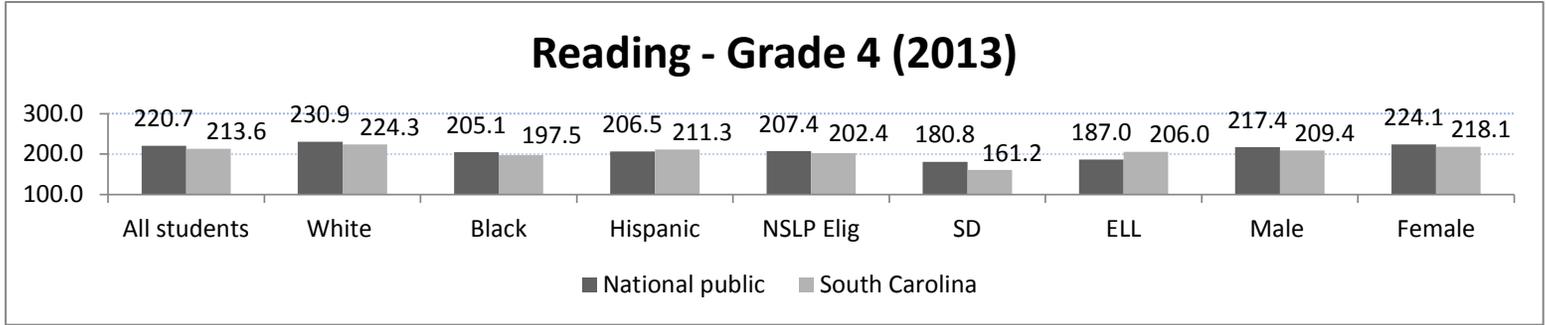
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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	2

Abbreviations for Missing Data
 N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample