

West Ashley Middle School

1776 William Kennerty Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	332 Students	
Principal	LaCarma Brown-McMillan	843-763-1546
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Board Chair	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats	843-529-2457

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	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

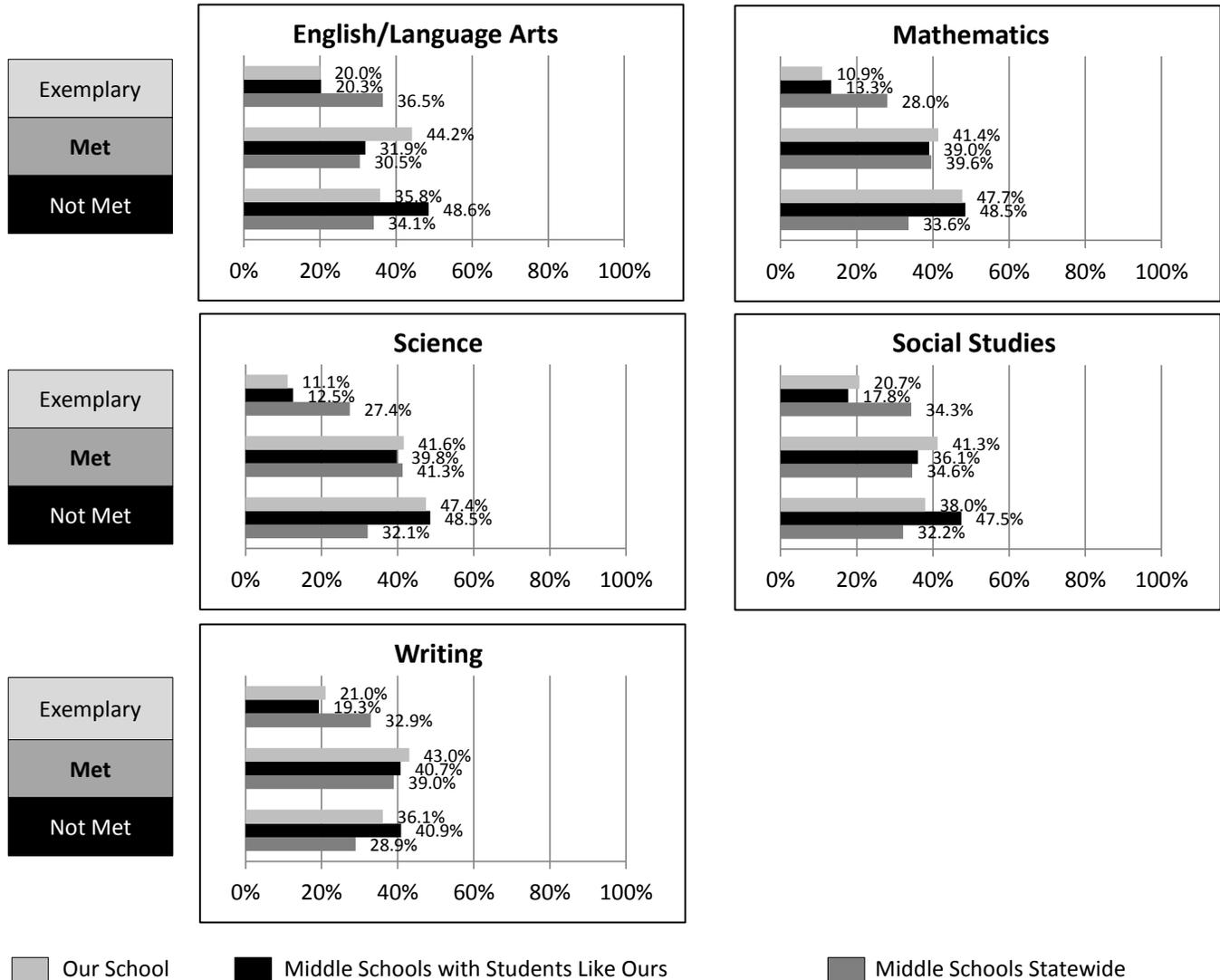
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	29	28	13

* 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.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 332)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	7.2%	Down from 11.7%	16.0%	26.0%
Retention Rate	7.1%	Up from 6.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	94.7%	Down from 95.0%	95.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	6.8%	Down from 6.9%	10.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	14.0%	Up from 10.1%	15.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	13.7%	Up from 8.8%	6.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	6.3%	Down from 7.8%	0.8%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.3%	Down from 56.0%	59.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	48.3%	Up from 40.0%	64.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	63.9%	Up from 57.3%	80.1%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.0%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,974	Down 0.5%	\$45,245	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	6.4 days	Down from 13.0 days	9.9 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.1 to 1	No change	19.5 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 88.6%	89.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	64.6%	Down from 71.4%	97.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,394	Down 6.5%	\$8,822	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	52.3%	Down from 55.0%	58.5%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.8%	Down from 52.0%	57.7%	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	100.0%	95.0%
English 1	N/A	90.6%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	94.1%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council of West Ashley Middle is pleased to share the 2013-14 School Report Card with members of our community. While the purpose of this report card is to inform parents and the community of our school performance and to monitor accountability within our school, it is also to engage the entire community in the school improvement process. This has been another remarkable year for WAMS, in our mission to build a stronger relationship with our community as we enhance student achievement.

This school year, we sustained a number of initiatives focused on increasing student achievement. We offered computer-assisted and targeted skill instruction to all students based on assessments in Reading and Math. To further challenge our students, we offered Algebra I. We continued to implement PBIS through our Jaguar PRIDE matrix. Bimonthly clubs were held during the day to encourage students to make connections with each other and adults within our building. As we continue to promote our goals of teaching and learning, we have ensured our continual progression toward these goals. We are also providing more rigorous instruction with our SpringBoard implementation. We will continue to administer MAP testing three times a year and use the data to set performance targets for students. With a continuous focus on literacy, WAMS will continue with Summer Reading, reading logs, school-wide novels and cold reads along with developing a Community of Readers within our building. Additionally, we instituted an after-school program and offered Saturday GEAR-Up sessions to target students needing assistance with math skills and college readiness. Through our relationship with USC and Boeing, students have soared with the opportunity to experience STEM/Project Lead the Way courses. Students were exposed to Design and Modeling along with Automation and Robotics. We are excited about the expansion of STEM offerings to include: Green Architecture, Energy and the Environment and Flight and Space.

WAMS students boasted multiple awards this year. The students won 1st place in the state Odyssey of the Minds competition for their specific question and 1st place in the Kiwanis Club oratorical contests. Our students also learned the importance of giving through the Pennies for Patients, WAMS Giving Tree and our partnership with a local retirement residence. Our teachers and staff also wrote and were awarded multiple grants to promote student achievement and parental engagement. We will continue to provide opportunities for increasing parent and community support for WAMS. Through the use of ParentLink, quarterly progress report pick-up nights, quarterly awards ceremonies, and expanding our business partnerships we anticipate exceeding our current percentage of support. Our mentoring program launched successfully. We currently have over 40 community members mentoring students weekly. We are looking forward to increasing participation in our parent volunteer program, building a stronger PTA, and inviting community members to visit and volunteer at West Ashley.

WAMS will continue our commitment toward communicating our school’s vision and values, improving student achievement, and exhibiting pride in accomplishing our goals. The 2014-15 school year promises continued growth and success as we increase our course offerings through expansion of the Advanced Studies Magnet program.

LaCarma S. Brown-McMillan, Principal Tamara Johnson-Mitchell, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	12	87	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.6%	52.9%	88.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3%	69.4%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.3%	72.4%	88.2%

* 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	66.1
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)

West Ashley 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.
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	5.5	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.9	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	33.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	94.7%	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	612.5	605.7	605.8	618.7	99.7	99.7	100.0
Male	608.9	604.6	605.2	621.2	99.4	99.4	100.0
Female	616.4	606.8	606.5	615.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	641.4	617.3	N/A	635.3	97.7	97.7	N/A
African American	606.5	601.2	598.1	614.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	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	581.2	577.4	578.1	592.5	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	609.0	602.9	602.3	616.0	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	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	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	109	602.4	100.0	109	595.6	100.0	
7	101	614.7	100.0	101	602.0	100.0	
8	102	612.6	99.0	102	608.6	99.0	
		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	54	588.8	100.0	55	617.2	100.0	
7	101	612.3	100.0	101	626.6	100.0	
8	49	604.4	100.0	52	627.3	100.0	

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	108	608.5	100.0	108	604.6	99.1	
7	95	611.0	100.0	95	607.1	100.0	
8	108	617.7	99.1	108	605.4	95.6	
		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	53	591.3	100.0	55	619.7	98.2	
7	95	605.8	100.0	95	612.7	100.0	
8	58	618.3	98.3	50	629.5	92.6	

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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 1001106

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	649.8	650.2	631.4	653.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	645.0	651.2	632.0	655.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	655.0	649.1	630.7	651.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	679.5	684.6	664.1	683.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	621.0	614.6	597.3	623.9	99.6	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	697.7	668.6	682.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.4	631.0	613.1	638.2	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	588.8	578.8	605.4	98.9	99.5	99.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.2	630.5	610.5	634.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.4	619.8	602.6	626.7	99.7	99.8	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	635.0	642.3	641.9	645.6	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	628.2	641.1	640.6	649.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	642.1	643.5	643.3	641.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	666.5	673.9	675.3	676.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	602.4	607.9	606.3	612.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.6	695.7	685.8	688.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	614.7	627.1	622.0	631.9	99.6	99.6	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	571.8	583.6	581.4	593.4	99.4	99.5	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.7	628.2	618.9	632.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.1	612.3	610.6	616.4	99.8	99.8	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	234.2	228.4	86.1	77.4	99.0	98.9	100.0	80.4
Male	230.7	229.0	86.0	78.2	98.6	98.4	100.0	74.3
Female	237.6	227.7	86.1	76.5	99.3	99.4	100.0	86.6
White	246.8	243.6	92.4	81.6	99.4	99.4	100.0	88.5
African American	218.9	208.8	77.5	71.7	98.4	98.3	100.0	71.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.0	253.4	92.2	85.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.2
Hispanic	225.8	221.6	80.7	74.7	100.0	99.4	100.0	74.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.5	196.4	71.0	68.4	97.6	96.9	100.0	34.7
Limited English Proficient	215.6	214.6	76.8	71.7	100.0	99.1	100.0	73.3
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.5	78.0	72.0	98.6	98.5	100.0	70.7
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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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 1001106

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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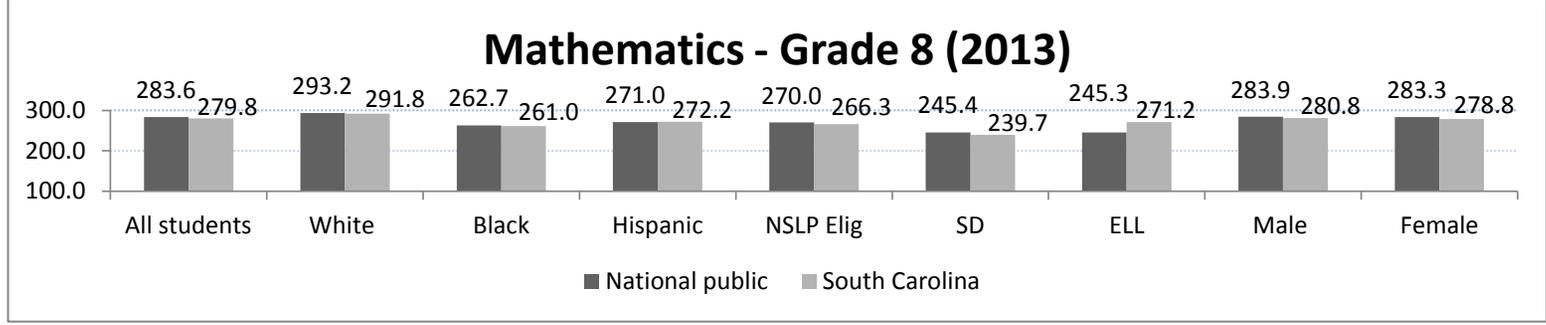
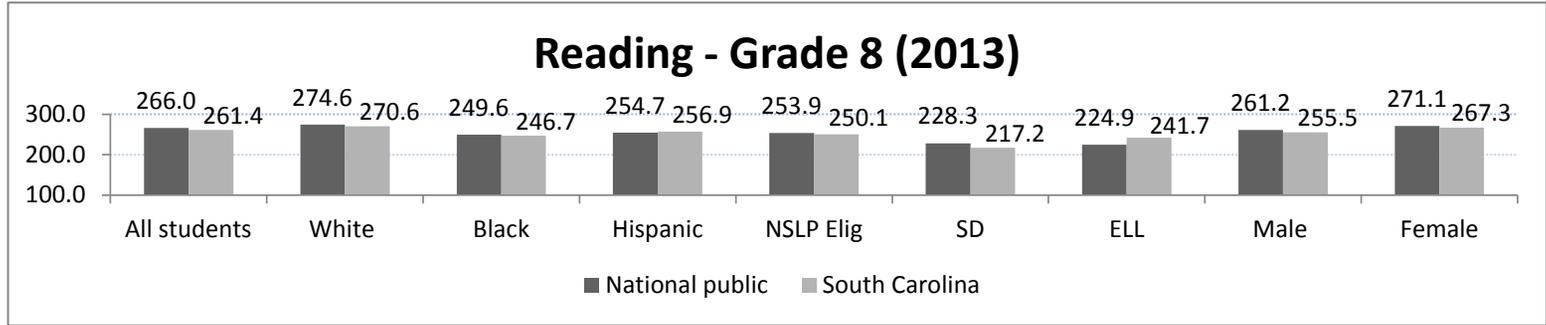
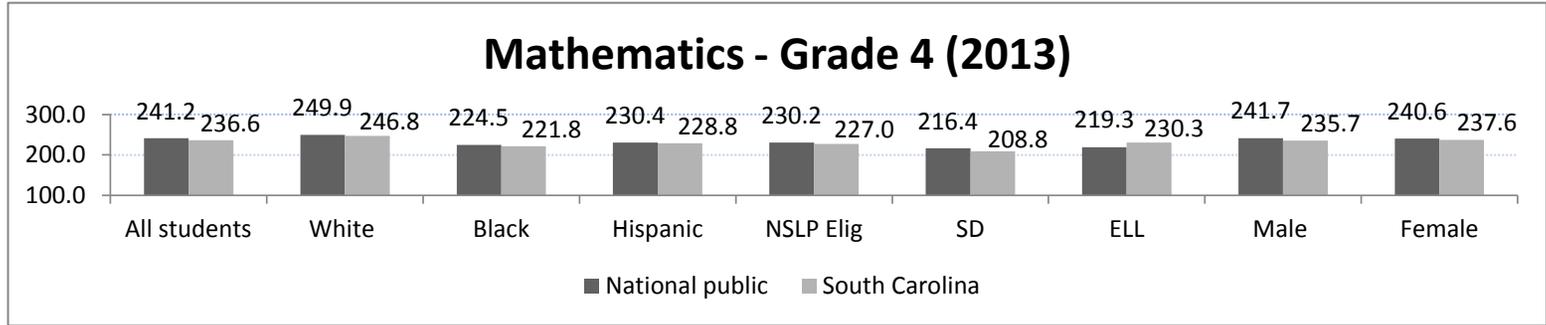
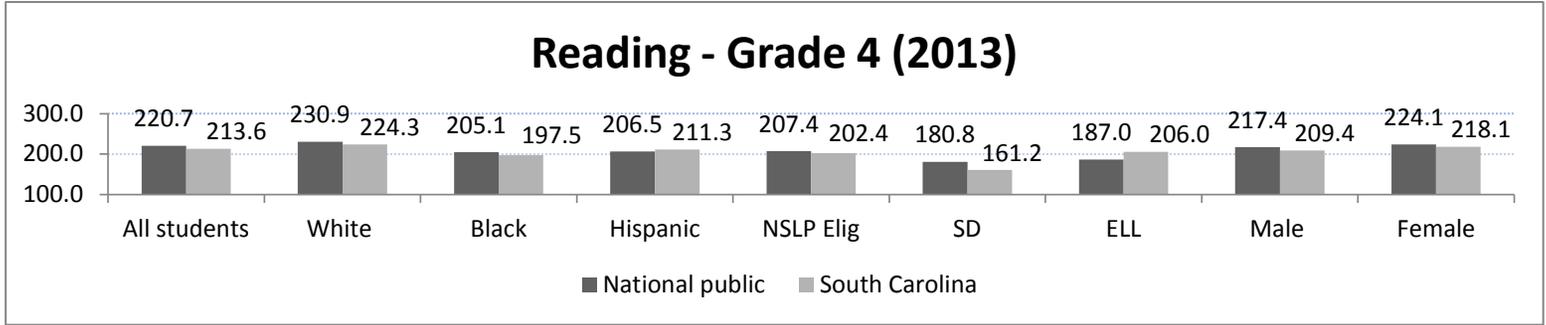
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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	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	5

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