

East Cooper Montessori Charter School

250 Ponsbury Road
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Grades	1-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	262 Students	
Principal	Jody Swanigan	843-216-2883
Superintendent	Dr. Nancy J. McGinley	843-937-6319
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	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

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

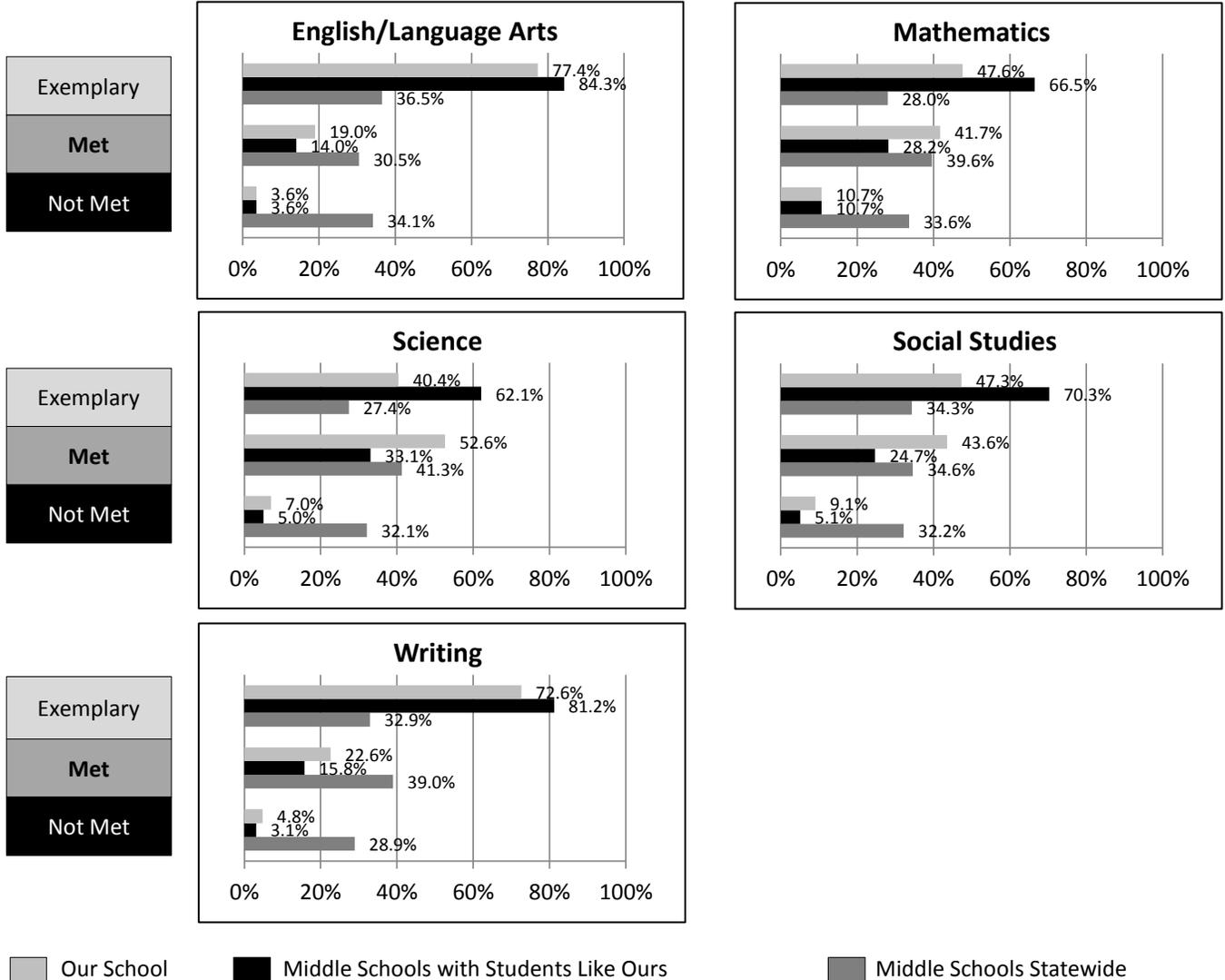
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
2	0	0	0	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.

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 = 262)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	45.3%	Down from 66.7%	46.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	No change	0.2%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	97.6%	Up from 96.8%	97.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	41.6%	Up from 40.4%	46.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	9.7%	Down from 11.6%	4.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	0.0%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 18)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	44.4%	Up from 31.6%	54.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	61.1%	Up from 57.9%	74.1%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.4%	Down from 94.9%	89.8%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 93.1%	95.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,121	Up 3.9%	\$46,460	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.2 days	Down from 11.2 days	8.6 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Down from 23.2 to 1	23.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/A	91.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Fair	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,719	Up 1.3%	\$9,209	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.8%	Down from 66.0%	58.3%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.6%	Up from 54.0%	58.0%	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%	100.0%
English 1	N/A	N/A
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	100.0%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Guided by the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori, East Cooper Montessori Charter School (ECMCS) offers an authentic Montessori education to elementary and middle school students in the Charleston County public school system. ECMCS is the only public charter school in the state of South Carolina serving students in both an elementary environment and middle school environment and has become a model school for new Montessori Schools.

The mission of ECMCS, in part, is to provide a rigorous Montessori education that guides children toward academic excellence and a lifelong love of learning. The school fulfills this aspect of its mission by offering an enriched and cultural curriculum that incorporates and extends district, state and national standards. Students develop their abilities by posing questions, designing investigations, and gaining skills necessary to express and pursue their own research interests. Scientific and mathematical aptitudes, appreciation of history and timelines, literacy across disciplines, and the development of a student’s humanity toward the local and global community are all part of the curriculum at ECMCS.

The second part of the school’s mission is to encourage stewardship of the greater community. Starting in the first grade, all of our students devote at least 20 hours to an individual community service project called the Yearlong Peace Project. The student-led projects have led to students becoming involved with non-profit organizations lasting beyond their time with us and even on to the formation of their own non-profit organizations. Parent volunteerism is an integral part of the success of ECMCS and sets the example for students. Parents served nearly 6,000 hours on the school board and committees, helping out in the classrooms and researching community resources to support the school's mission.

The consistent and professional leadership of the Governing Board and school administration remains a cornerstone of our success. The school, like all public schools, must continue to do more with less. Our fiscal conservatism and solid strategic planning has allowed the school to partner with CCSD implement its plans of expansion to address the yearly extensive wait list of students wanting to attend ECMCS.

The 2013-2014 school-year was filled with many significant accomplishments. The school was again awarded the Palmetto Goal Award and in addition has formed a partnership with CCSD to expand Montessori seats in District 2. The school continues to offer gifted education in an immersion setting instead of a pull-out model. All ECMCS lead teachers are required to be endorsed in Gifted Education in addition to being state certified in the area of instruction as well as Montessori certified. The school’s greatest success is seen in the success of its students.

Jody Swanigan, Principal

Douglas Stalnaker, Governing Board Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	14	21	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	61.9%	87.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	66.7%	89.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	85.8%	87.2%

* 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	99.9
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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)

East Cooper Montessori Charter 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	5.5	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.9	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	27.4%	0.0%
Student attendance rate	97.6%	94.0%*
		Met State Objective
		No
		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	677.3	656.9	659.1	657.8	98.8	98.8	98.2
Male	668.8	656.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	684.2	657.1	662.4	657.3	97.9	97.9	97.0
White	680.2	659.9	662.2	660.5	98.7	98.7	98.1
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	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	35	678.5	100.0	35	646.3	100.0
4	38	653.1	100.0	38	649.2	100.0	
5	33	686.0	100.0	33	647.5	100.0	
6	28	672.5	96.4	28	641.4	96.4	
7	25	668.9	100.0	25	661.0	100.0	
8	14	672.1	100.0	14	673.3	100.0	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	18	632.6	100.0	17	652.6	100.0	
4	38	628.2	100.0	38	655.0	100.0	
5	17	647.5	100.0	16	657.1	100.0	
6	14	635.1	100.0	14	650.8	92.9	
7	25	671.8	100.0	25	661.1	100.0	
8	7	I/S	I/S	7	I/S	I/S	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	35	670.4	100.0	35	657.1	100.0
4	33	669.5	100.0	33	674.4	100.0	
5	35	669.9	100.0	35	650.3	100.0	
6	31	682.0	100.0	31	654.8	100.0	
7	27	673.9	96.4	27	661.0	96.4	
8	25	675.2	100.0	25	655.0	100.0	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	17	653.1	100.0	18	637.6	100.0	
4	33	638.5	100.0	33	663.2	100.0	
5	18	631.0	100.0	17	637.7	100.0	
6	16	635.6	100.0	15	660.2	100.0	
7	27	668.0	96.4	27	640.7	96.4	
8	13	669.2	100.0	12	693.1	100.0	

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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 1001614

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

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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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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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