



Sterling School

99 John McCarroll Way
Greenville, SC 29607

Grades	PK-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	834 Students	
Principal	David Johnstone	864-355-4480
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Chuck Saylor	803-360-3527

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Good
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.

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

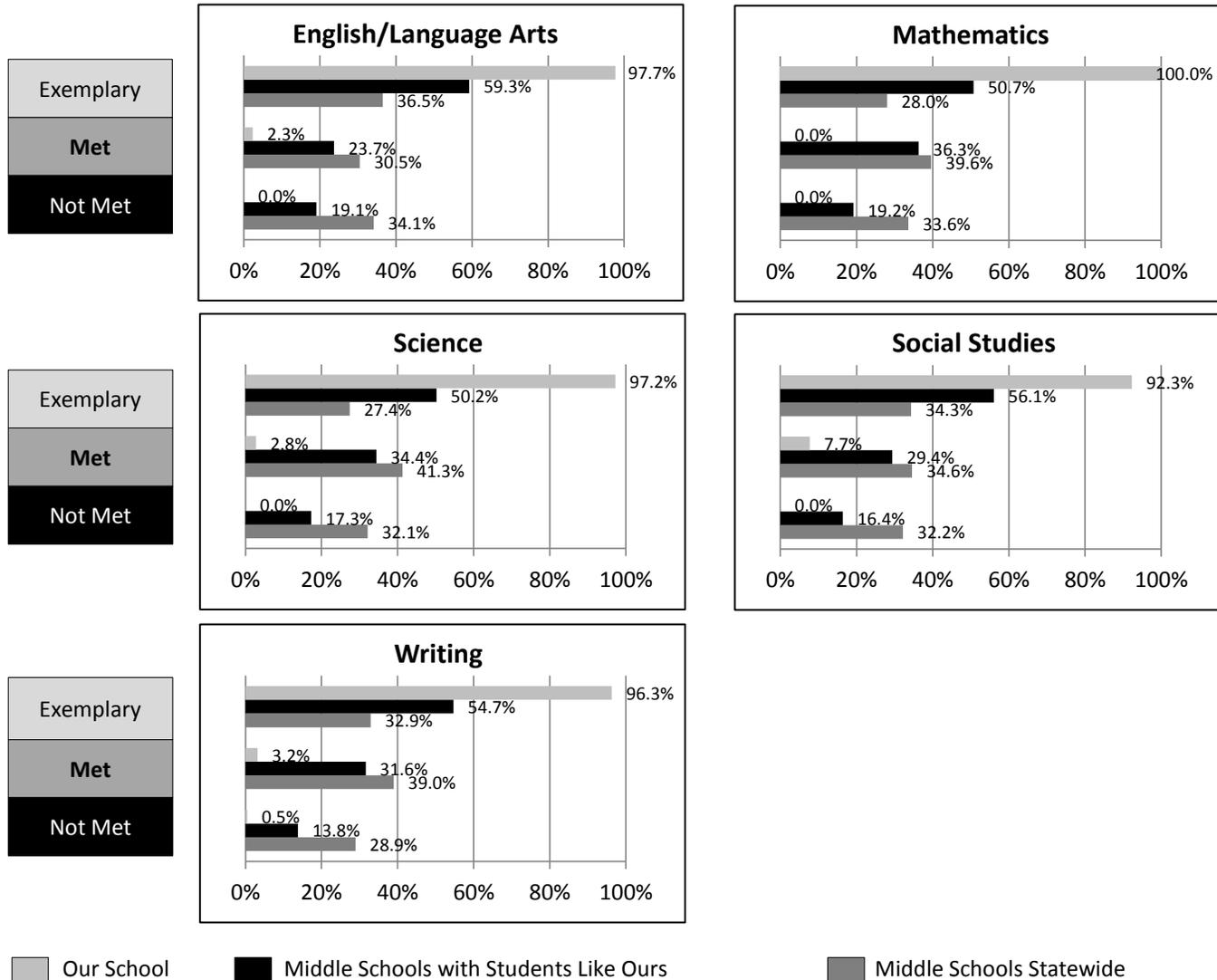
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 99.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
7	1	1	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 = 834)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	98.6%	Down from 100.0%	46.1%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	97.6%	Up from 97.3%	96.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	57.3%	Down from 59.1%	29.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	6.1%	Down from 7.3%	8.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	1.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.7%	Down from 60.5%	58.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	82.6%	Up from 81.4%	79.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1%	Up from 86.5%	86.4%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.1%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,045	Down 0.4%	\$47,848	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Up from 6.7 days	9.6 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.0 to 1	Up from 23.7 to 1	22.6 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.1%	Up from 91.6%	91.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	98.4%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,155	Up 3.1%	\$7,347	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	No change	62.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.5%	Up from 61.0%	61.5%	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%	98.9%
English 1	100.0%	98.6%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.8%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Sterling's School Improvement Council (SIC) has been working hard this year to help shape the direction of Sterling. The year started with the installation of a playground shade structure and dozens of new iPads bought by PTA. The fall brought in a record amount of needed funds through a great PTA Boosterthon fundraiser, Bids for Kids and a \$39,474 grant from State Farm to support safer walking and biking to school. We have had excellent parent participation and inclusiveness in the school through a variety of PTA meeting formats, Lunch and Learn parent workshops, from our counseling department, and spring parent previews of the upcoming grade levels. We have been improving our assessment of student growth through the new continua, which highlight specific academic skills students demonstrate, shared with parents. We have combined over \$20,000 in new reading materials for classrooms and the media center with district training to support better reading instruction through balanced literacy. We also added an additional counselor to further support student social and emotional development.

Finally, Sterling is making significant security upgrades including student ID's, door locks, perimeter fences and gate improvements, camera upgrades and new entry systems. As you look through our accomplishments, please review the two key areas from which the School Improvement Council evaluates our initiatives: inclusiveness and experiential learning.

Inclusiveness: Through this objective, the school seeks to create an environment in which students, teachers, parents and community members feel accepted and a part of the school. Inclusiveness values these roles, appreciates, and values the differences that each individual brings in fulfilling his or her respective role.

Experiential Learning: Through this objective, the school seeks to encourage students and teachers to engage in the learning process in a manner that allows for learning from and through failure, risk taking and trial and error. Experiential Learning is consistent with the currently used approach of inquiry-based learning, whose characteristics are seen in our teaching. However, there is a desire to see this approach expanded, encouraged, and emphasized.

Matt Smith, School Improvement Council Chair

David M. Johnstone, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	67	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	91.1%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.6%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.8%	92.6%	76.8%

* 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	98.1
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)

Sterling 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	1.2	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.6%	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	712.9	752.5	732.7	716.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	705.3	757.0	736.3	723.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	721.6	747.3	728.8	708.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	712.8	751.1	732.1	715.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
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

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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	119	708.9	100.0	119	699.1	100.0
	4	115	685.1	100.0	115	713.9	100.0
	5	122	702.4	100.0	122	698.2	100.0
	6	74	723.4	100.0	74	728.1	100.0
	7	74	708.6	100.0	74	730.7	100.0
	8	67	715.7	100.0	67	713.2	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	59	657.3	100.0	60	693.8	100.0
	4	115	682.1	100.0	115	718.5	100.0
	5	61	688.6	100.0	61	697.4	100.0
	6	37	722.5	100.0	37	729.8	100.0
	7	74	715.7	100.0	74	705.7	100.0
	8	34	706.5	100.0	33	703.9	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2014					
	3	135	711.0	100.0	135	698.5	100.0
	4	121	692.0	100.0	121	722.6	100.0
	5	116	699.8	100.0	116	722.6	100.0
	6	75	720.5	100.0	75	735.9	100.0
	7	71	711.9	100.0	71	773.6	100.0
	8	71	706.0	100.0	71	749.1	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	68	666.1	100.0	67	693.4	100.0
	4	121	686.2	100.0	121	705.4	100.0
	5	58	728.6	100.0	58	686.1	100.0
	6	38	716.7	100.0	37	709.6	100.0
	7	71	740.3	100.0	71	715.6	100.0
	8	35	734.9	100.0	36	724.1	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 2301116

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	653.2	656.8	635.5	654.3	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	648.2	656.6	636.6	655.4	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Female	658.6	657.0	634.3	653.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	667.1	672.0	650.8	665.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	627.0	624.4	607.2	631.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.1	699.7	661.2	682.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	635.0	640.4	616.0	640.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	658.7	663.3	638.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	605.9	602.3	592.0	615.3	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	638.0	648.1	620.5	642.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.4	632.1	614.4	634.8	100.0	100.0	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	634.8	639.1	642.2	645.5	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	627.4	637.8	642.8	648.2	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	642.5	640.6	641.5	642.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	649.3	653.0	658.7	658.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	607.1	609.2	609.1	618.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.5	687.8	680.0	682.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	623.3	623.3	629.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	641.9	643.7	645.0	657.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.3	584.3	585.8	593.5	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.6	626.9	624.2	632.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.4	616.2	617.8	622.9	99.9	99.9	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	233.8	226.3	84.8	78.0	99.7	99.6	100.0	82.5
Male	229.9	226.4	85.0	78.9	99.6	99.4	100.0	78.6
Female	237.8	226.2	84.5	77.1	99.7	99.8	100.0	86.7
White	239.4	233.0	88.2	80.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	86.5
African American	221.9	210.7	77.4	72.3	99.6	99.4	100.0	74.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	245.0	249.9	91.3	83.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.2
Hispanic	226.4	218.8	79.5	73.7	99.7	99.8	100.0	77.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.6
With Disabilities	205.9	197.1	71.8	69.4	99.1	98.5	100.0	43.1
Limited English Proficient	219.9	213.5	77.0	71.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	70.5
Subsidized Meals	222.8	213.5	78.6	72.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	70.8
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 2301116

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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