

Gilbert Middle School

120 Rikard Circle
Gilbert, SC 29054

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	746 Students	
Principal	Benjamin D. Ricard	803-821-1700
Superintendent	Dr. Karen C. Woodward	803-821-1000
Board Chair	Cynthia S. Smith	803-957-5095

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Average	Average
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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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

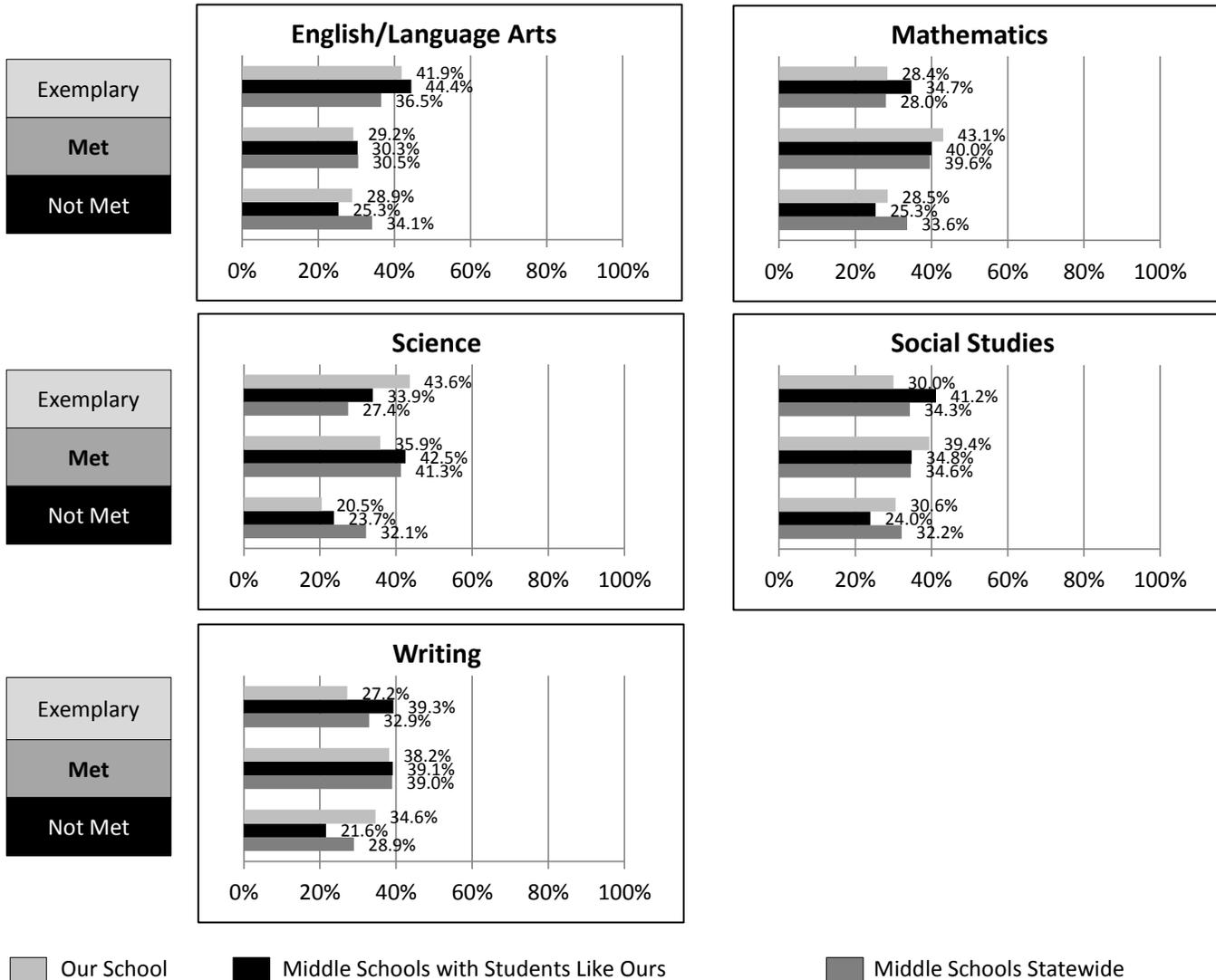
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	16	9	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.

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 = 746)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	29.1%	Up from 27.8%	31.5%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Down from 0.6%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.2%	Up from 95.0%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.2%	Up from 25.0%	22.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.2%	Down from 13.6%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Down from 4.5%	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 1.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.6%	Up from 66.7%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	Up from 81.5%	76.1%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Up from 89.7%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.7%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,103	Up 3.7%	\$47,151	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.0 days	Up from 7.3 days	12.2 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	Up from 24.1 to 1	22.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.2%	Up from 88.9%	90.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.7%	Down from 99.6%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,500	Up 4.4%	\$6,943	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Down from 66.0%	63.2%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.5%	Down from 64.0%	62.4%	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	97.0%	98.0%
English 1	96.2%	97.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	96.6%	97.8%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The students and faculty of Gilbert Middle School enjoyed a great year in academics, the arts and athletics. Preparing students to be independent, respectful and contributing citizens continues to be our top priority. GMS students participated in numerous service projects for a variety of causes, including Happy Wheels, Relay For Life and Lexington Interfaith Community Services.

We continue to provide blended learning environments where concepts are mastered through direct teacher instruction and online digital content. Student learning is also supported through Response to Intervention classes when necessary.

Because assessment data has shown writing as an area of weakness, teachers received professional development in the integration of writing across the curriculum. In addition, GMS students took part in three school-wide writing activities during the year. These writing activities provided teachers with useful information in determining their students' needs in the area of writing.

Test and performance data indicate challenges relating to mathematics. To address the challenges, GMS teachers are working collaboratively with instructional coaches and district personnel to develop units of study that meet the individual needs of their students. A morning mathematics help center is open daily for all students. Teachers also provide opportunities for their students to work with them one-on-one before or after school. Our Technology Integration Specialist works closely with teachers and students to provide technological resources to enhance student learning.

A positive and safe school climate continues to be a school-wide priority. We recognize students for academic achievements and citizenship. Our guidance department helps students grow in understanding, cooperation and respect for themselves and others as they contribute to the welfare of our school and community.

GMS is home to outstanding athletic and arts programs. Our teams continue to excel on the playing field. Our band, chorus and orchestra consistently receive "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings at state and national festivals.

We are grateful for our community's involvement in our school. The PTO and SIC have worked very hard to enhance each student's educational experience at GMS. We thank them for their efforts.

Principal Benji Ricard and SIC Chair Angie Derrenbacher

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	207	121
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.5%	79.2%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.6%	78.3%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.6%	83.6%	68.3%

* 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	71.4
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)

Gilbert 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	0.9	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.2%	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	629.8	629.4	650.4	628.4	99.7	99.9	99.8
Male	618.6	627.2	649.2	626.4	99.5	99.7	99.6
Female	642.1	631.9	651.7	630.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	634.8	633.1	654.9	631.9	99.7	99.8	99.7
African American	594.8	608.6	622.2	600.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	610.7	611.7	630.2	619.2	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	558.4	576.9	588.8	578.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	598.2	601.7	620.4	608.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	614.1	615.1	637.3	612.0	99.7	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

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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	221	634.6	100.0	221	633.3	100.0	
7	249	631.4	99.6	249	633.4	99.6	
8	243	636.6	99.6	243	621.6	99.6	
		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	113	623.8	100.0	108	651.0	100.0	
7	249	653.2	99.6	249	628.9	99.6	
8	122	655.6	100.0	121	653.9	98.4	

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	265	627.0	100.0	265	629.6	100.0	
7	227	629.4	99.1	228	633.5	99.1	
8	244	633.2	100.0	244	625.5	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	134	616.5	100.0	131	628.3	100.0	
7	228	660.0	99.1	228	621.9	99.1	
8	120	668.8	99.2	124	640.5	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 3201054

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	655.1	665.8	640.9	658.3	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	649.3	666.2	641.8	659.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	661.2	665.5	639.9	656.6	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	660.3	672.1	646.9	662.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	628.1	629.8	607.8	633.9	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	673.2	699.6	667.0	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	636.0	644.8	621.9	642.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.2	651.7	639.0	658.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	603.3	608.8	598.6	618.4	99.2	99.5	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.9	643.6	623.3	641.6	100.0	99.6	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	638.0	618.5	636.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	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	639.7	641.9	651.4	654.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	632.3	641.0	652.9	656.6	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	647.6	642.9	649.7	651.1	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
White	644.8	646.2	656.3	657.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	609.4	613.6	620.9	627.9	99.8	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.8	682.8	677.2	675.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	625.9	625.0	636.7	644.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	625.7	632.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	97.7	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.4	582.4	588.5	595.6	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.2	620.7	628.7	636.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	616.2	617.1	627.2	629.7	99.8	99.7	99.4	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	234.7	230.3	84.4	78.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	87.7
Male	229.9	230.3	84.6	78.7	99.4	99.4	100.0	83.5
Female	239.3	230.3	84.2	77.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	92.3
White	236.6	233.0	85.9	78.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	89.4
African American	223.4	212.8	76.6	72.3	99.1	99.1	100.0	76.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.8	257.2	88.6	84.6	97.1	97.1	100.0	97.7
Hispanic	230.3	223.2	80.7	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92.3
With Disabilities	203.5	198.5	66.1	68.4	97.0	97.6	100.0	51.8
Limited English Proficient	219.8	215.1	77.9	75.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.0
Subsidized Meals	224.2	216.6	78.3	74.1	99.2	99.0	100.0	76.4
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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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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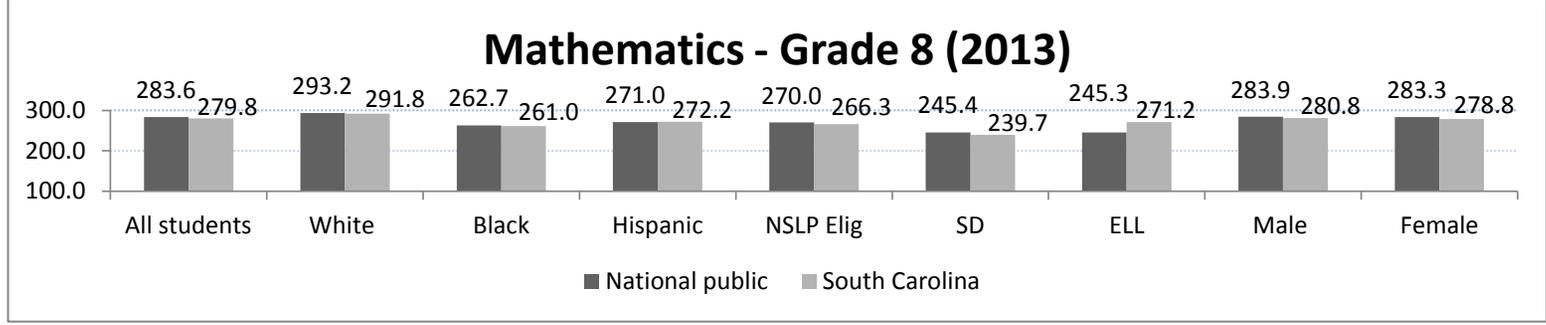
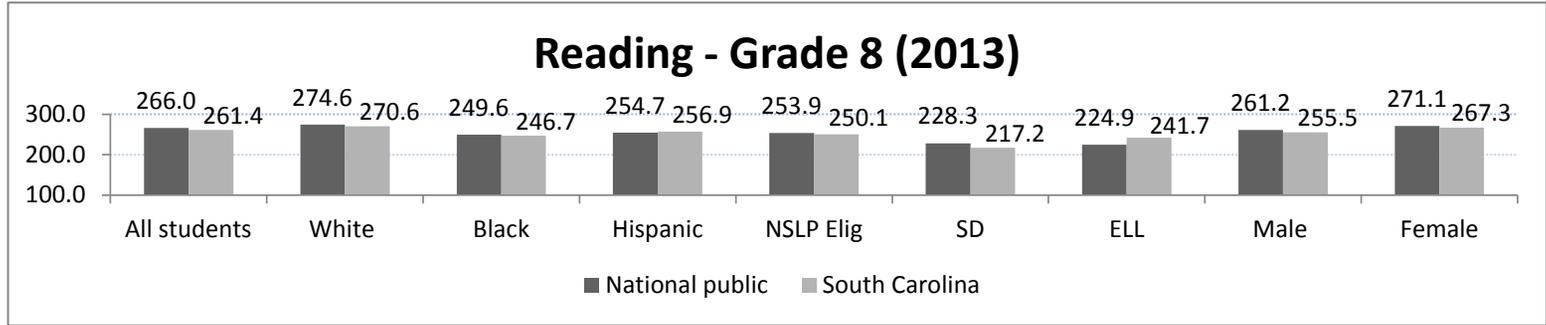
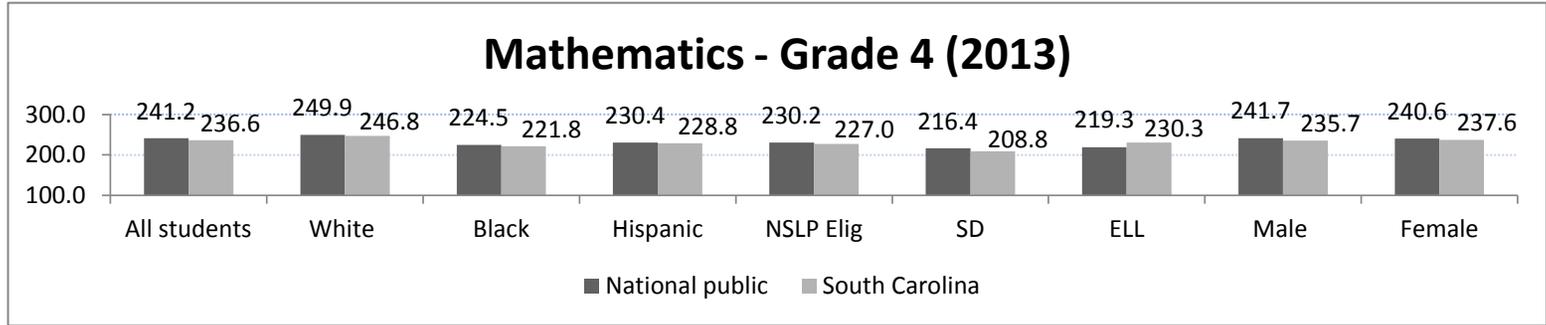
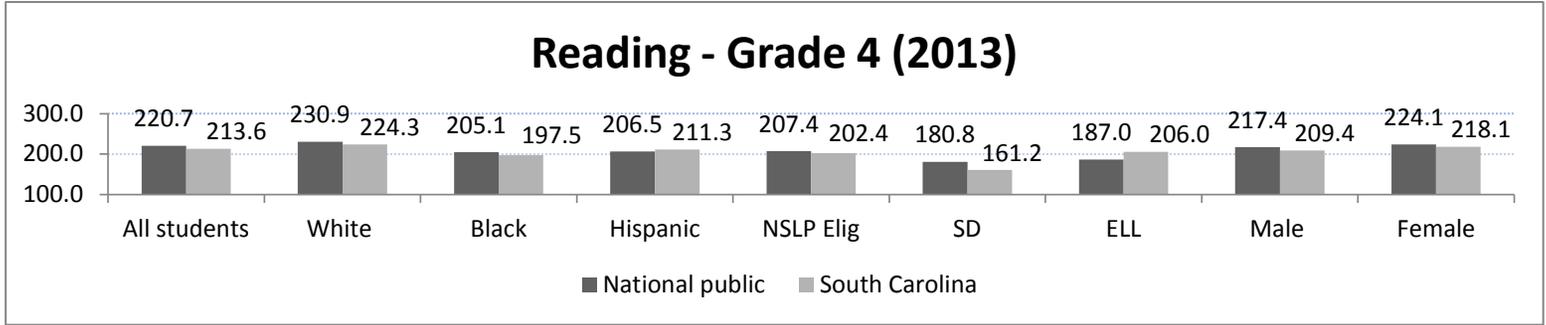
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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

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