



## R. C. Edwards Middle

1157 Madden Bridge Road  
Central, SC 29630

**Grades** 6-8 Middle School  
**Enrollment** 766 Students  
**Principal** Gary Culler 864-397-4200  
**Superintendent** Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D. 864-397-1000  
**Board Chair** Alex Saitta 864-868-1961

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
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**

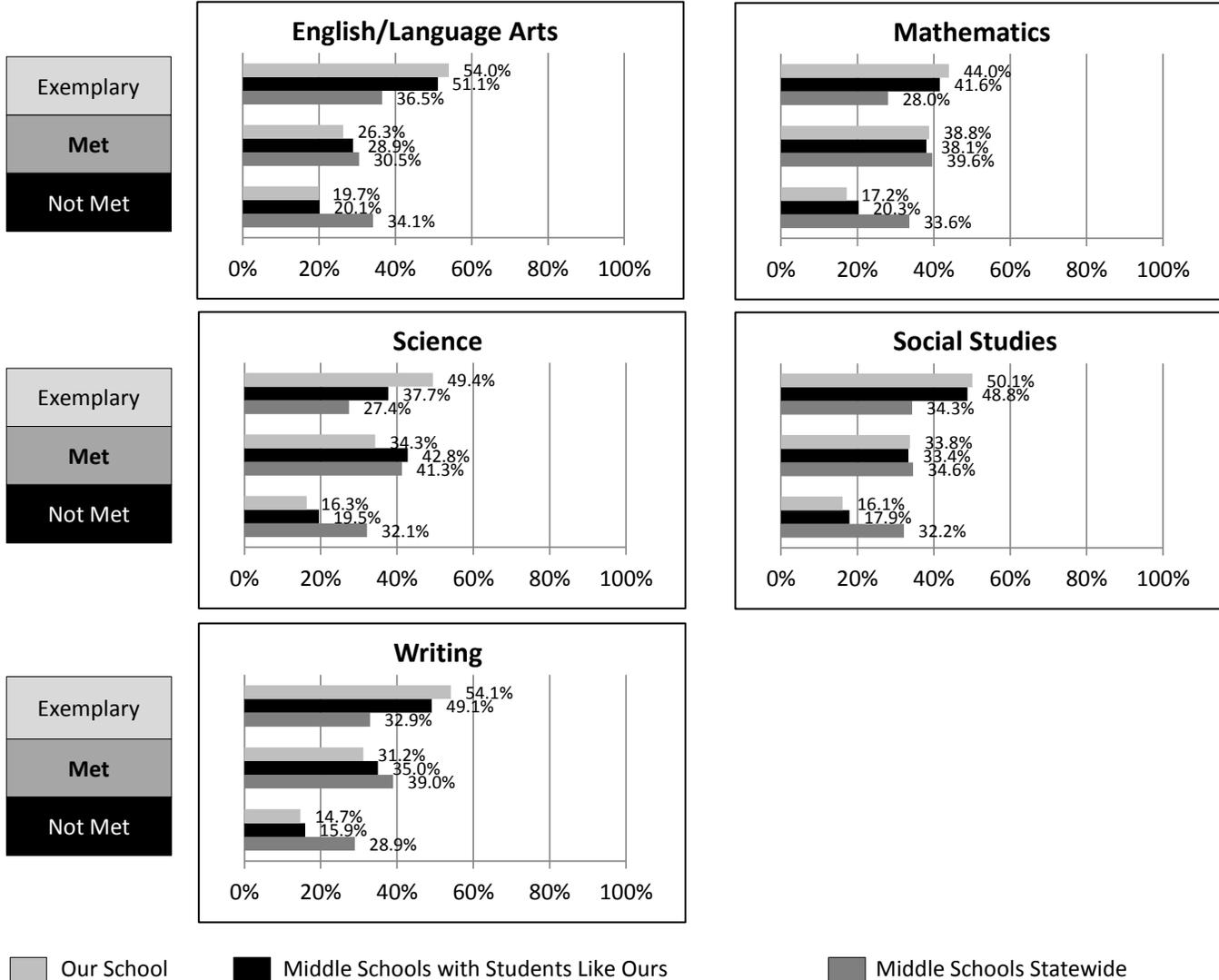
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.1%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	4	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.

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**School Profile**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n = 766)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.3%	Up from 43.9%	43.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.8%	Down from 96.5%	97.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	41.0%	Up from 38.0%	31.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	10.9%	Down from 12.2%	10.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Down from 4.1%	2.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 3.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 45)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 64.4%	68.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.7%	Down from 95.6%	84.3%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.4%	Up from 88.4%	90.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 92.5%	95.4%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,331	Up 0.6%	\$48,149	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	7.8 days	Up from 6.8 days	8.6 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.1 to 1	Up from 25.7 to 1	25.0 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	No change	91.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.5%	Up from 88.2%	99.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Below Average	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,502	Down 0.0%	\$6,785	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 62.0%	62.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.7%	Up from 58.0%	61.9%	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%	98.4%
English 1	98.9%	99.1%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	100.0%	100.0%
All Subjects	99.6%	98.6%

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## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The 2013-14 school year has been a year of achievement for our school. It is the mission of R.C. Edwards Middle School to “..Promote high standards of academic achievement, person achievement, and career development in a safe environment”, and we have accomplished this through a multitude of opportunities. R. C. Edwards was awarded a Palmetto Gold Award for overall student achievement for the sixth consecutive year by the S.C. Department of Education. Our Algebra 1 classes scored an average of 94% and our English 1 classes had an average of 92% on the South Carolina End of Course Exams. Our Festival Band won top honors in the New York Band Festival. The MATHCOUNTS team also placed in the state competition. R.C. Edwards also had 40 Junior Scholars and 24 students recognized by the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Our SIC identified the transition into sixth grade as an area for potential improvement last year. Through several meetings with community members, feeder elementary schools, and other stakeholders, the beginnings of a program have emerged. R.C. Edwards implemented a homeroom period for all grades this year. This homeroom will remain together as an advisory period for the three years a student attends R.C. Edwards Middle. We have run all of our intramural sports through this homeroom to strengthen the bonds between the teachers and students. We have also expanded our information sessions for parents and students during registration. We have also addressed the need for more foreign languages in the middle school. All of our sixth graders have the opportunity to take Latin for six weeks through a virtual curriculum. Through a partnership with D.W. Daniel High School, we have also been able to offer German to our eighth grade. R.C. Edwards is also embracing the opportunities offered through the SC Virtual School by providing students with the time and hardware to access classes at home or school.

Gary Culler, Principal and Susan Batson, SIC / PTSO Chair

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	250	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	80.4%	81.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	81.6%	79.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.8%	90.7%	55.8%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>85.8</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>B</b>

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)**

R. C. Edwards Middle 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	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.8%	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
<b>Grades 6-8</b>							
All Students	652.0	658.5	661.1	657.6	99.9	99.9	99.6
Male	646.3	658.1	659.2	664.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	658.1	658.9	663.0	650.8	99.7	99.7	99.2
White	657.5	662.4	666.3	663.3	99.8	99.8	99.8
African American	610.6	609.6	613.2	615.2	100.0	100.0	98.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	694.4	740.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	587.8	590.3	599.5	599.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	636.5	666.9	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	618.8	624.3	626.8	628.6	100.0	100.0	99.4
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	256	656.2	99.6	256	661.9	99.6	
7	265	642.2	100.0	265	654.9	100.0	
8	234	651.0	99.6	234	655.1	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	124	641.8	100.0	132	663.3	99.2	
7	265	653.2	100.0	265	634.6	100.0	
8	118	650.1	100.0	116	667.6	99.1	

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	240	657.8	99.6	240	652.3	99.6	
7	260	654.3	100.0	260	669.8	100.0	
8	271	644.5	100.0	271	652.8	99.3	
		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	117	651.9	99.2	120	671.4	97.6	
7	260	669.5	100.0	260	646.1	100.0	
8	134	652.6	98.5	135	667.6	98.5	

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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 3901002

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	650.2	648.1	635.8	653.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	644.6	648.2	636.9	655.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	655.7	647.9	634.8	650.5	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	654.3	652.7	640.9	656.2	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	627.3	617.2	606.2	632.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.8	703.1	662.9	695.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	630.1	627.9	614.0	640.1	100.0	100.0	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	603.0	598.4	597.0	614.3	99.2	99.6	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.3	634.1	613.0	643.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	634.0	628.7	618.7	636.8	99.8	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
All Students	633.3	635.3	644.0	641.1	99.9	99.8	99.3	N/A
Male	626.0	634.1	644.1	645.8	99.9	99.8	99.2	N/A
Female	641.0	636.5	643.9	636.2	99.9	99.9	99.4	N/A
White	636.2	637.7	647.0	643.0	99.9	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	605.2	606.5	616.8	616.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	678.3	702.5	686.9	683.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	624.1	628.3	631.2	641.2	100.0	99.4	99.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	577.0	584.2	586.9	594.3	99.8	99.4	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	620.4	632.4	635.9	641.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.5	616.4	627.7	624.0	99.9	99.8	98.8	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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
All Students	231.5	225.8	82.2	78.0	99.6	99.7	100.0	80.4
Male	229.2	228.0	82.0	78.8	99.4	99.5	100.0	76.5
Female	234.0	223.6	82.5	77.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	84.9
White	233.0	227.6	83.6	78.7	99.5	99.6	100.0	80.8
African American	217.5	208.5	71.3	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5
Hispanic	228.7	219.3	77.1	76.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	194.7	64.7	66.2	98.6	99.3	100.0	43.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	85.7
Subsidized Meals	222.5	214.0	77.0	73.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	68.5
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 3901002

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
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
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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	2

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