



Castle Heights Middle

2382 Firetower Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Grades 6-8 Middle School
Enrollment 780 Students
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Average	Good
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.

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

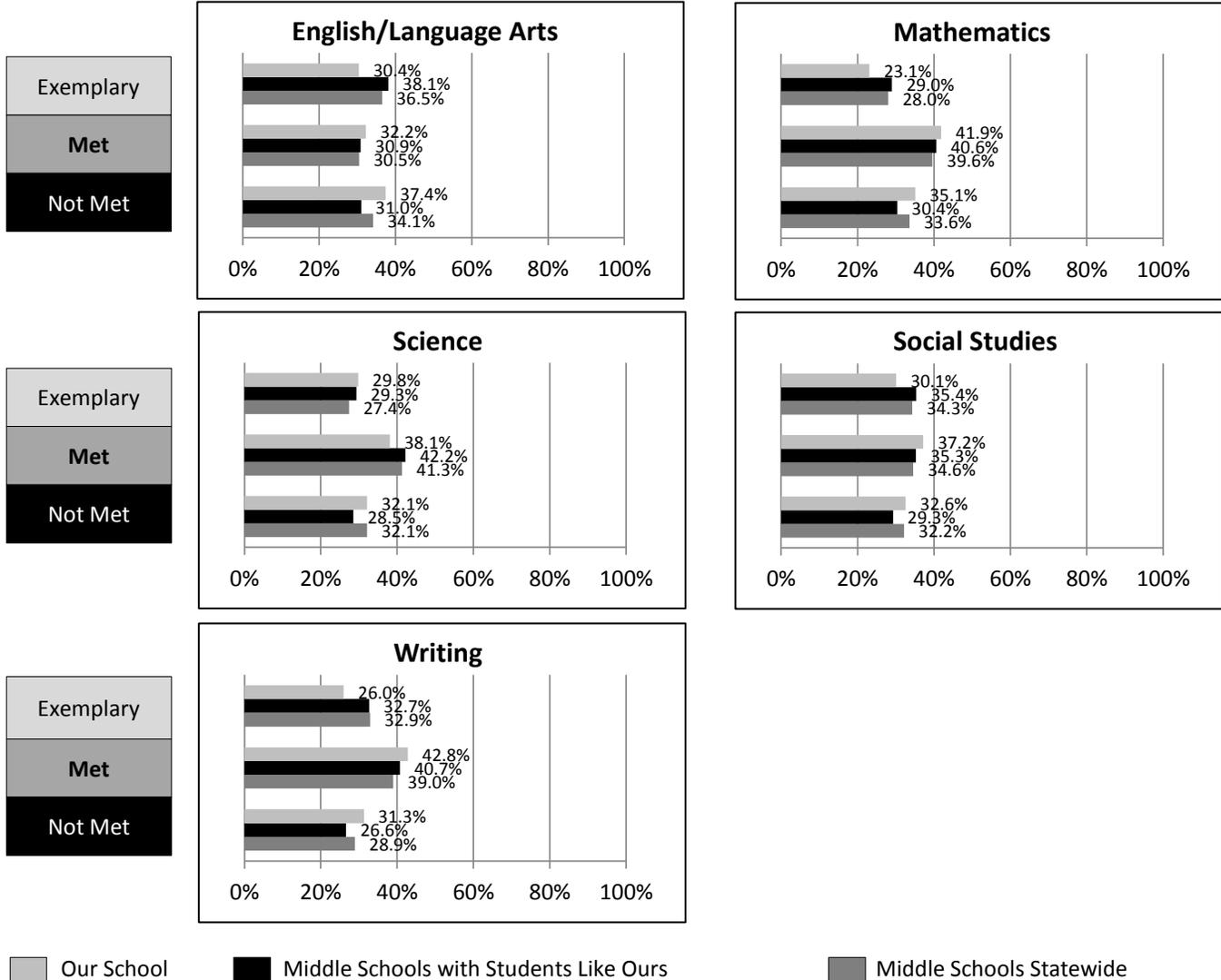
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
6	16	35	2	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 = 780)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.7%	Up from 20.1%	30.1%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.6%	Down from 2.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 96.1%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.5%	Down from 18.6%	21.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	18.2%	Up from 17.5%	13.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.7%	Down from 5.0%	4.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.2%	Down from 62.3%	61.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Down from 83.0%	79.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Down from 91.0%	86.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.0%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,061	Down 3.1%	\$48,117	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Down from 8.6 days	11.0 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	17.0	Up from 16.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.2 to 1	Up from 23.3 to 1	22.7 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 91.2%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	79.2%	Down from 94.1%	98.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,107	Up 2.4%	\$7,237	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Down from 66.0%	62.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.7%	Up from 64.0%	61.8%	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%	98.6%
English 1	100.0%	95.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.2%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The 2013-2014 school year was a time of challenges and recognition for Castle Heights Middle School. We set high goals for continued academic achievement while implementing a range of district –wide initiatives.

The instructional program was based on the Common Core standards approved for use by the state in this coming school year. The implementation of these standards required intense teacher training for varied approaches to student writing and for the integration of skills and topics across the content areas. We also fully implemented the iRock program in which iPads were distributed to all students and staff members. The challenge for both teachers and students was to learn to use the new technology effectively to continue to make academic gains. The school expanded use of Challenge Based Learning in which students used research, peer review, and writing skills to explore community-based projects such as a study of local water sources, a cooperative education effort with the Humane Society, and an exploration of the Catawba Nation culture.

Our students remained committed to community service. We continued service projects such as collection for the Catawba Nation Food Bank, a welcome program for our rising sixth graders, and the collection and decoration of hundreds of shoes for children in Nicaragua.

Our commitment within the school is to the service and education of young adolescent students. We have continued revision of our health and physical education programs to better serve the students, and we began a new health-conscious approach to fundraising through our Castle Color Run. We have expanded and revised student recognition programs and added extracurricular activities.

We are very proud to announce that our school was yet again recognized at the state and national level as an outstanding middle school through the Schools To Watch program. The students, parents, and staff are justly proud of this prestigious award.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	202	127
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	77.3%	84.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	76.7%	82.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.0%	83.6%	62.7%

* 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	68.3
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)

Castle Heights 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	3.3	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	4.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.4%	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	617.5	623.2	631.2	629.9	99.9	99.9	100.0
Male	607.8	617.4	625.9	631.5	99.8	99.8	100.0
Female	627.2	628.9	636.3	628.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	625.4	629.6	639.2	634.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	603.8	611.0	616.2	620.3	99.6	99.6	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	600.3	611.3	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	612.7	617.5	N/A	634.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
With Disabilities	577.9	584.2	586.1	592.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	582.6	600.7	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.0	612.7	618.8	617.5	99.8	99.8	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	249	630.2	100.0	249	630.5	100.0	
7	237	622.8	99.6	237	637.2	99.6	
8	271	628.0	99.3	271	629.7	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	126	618.6	97.6	127	640.1	97.6	
7	236	635.7	99.2	237	629.2	99.6	
8	138	636.7	100.0	133	642.0	99.3	

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	296	623.5	99.7	296	620.7	99.7	
7	266	612.5	100.0	266	625.3	100.0	
8	232	615.4	100.0	232	623.8	100.0	
		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	152	615.8	100.0	147	636.8	99.3	
7	264	642.2	100.0	265	625.0	100.0	
8	117	626.9	100.0	115	632.7	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 4603015

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	639.7	639.7	623.5	647.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	635.0	638.6	624.1	649.2	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
Female	644.6	640.9	623.0	646.3	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
White	655.3	658.2	641.8	662.2	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	621.8	617.3	601.0	629.4	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	665.6	671.4	644.7	692.5	98.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	625.4	626.3	611.8	640.7	99.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	634.4	639.2	620.7	640.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	599.7	595.3	590.5	615.9	99.3	98.9	99.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	623.3	625.9	610.7	644.0	98.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.0	622.0	607.2	633.0	99.7	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	628.6	631.5	635.9	638.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	619.0	628.0	632.5	640.1	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Female	638.6	635.2	639.4	636.4	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
White	646.2	648.4	654.6	654.2	99.7	99.8	99.5	N/A
African American	607.7	610.7	612.6	618.3	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.7	670.6	674.8	671.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	614.7	619.7	626.7	632.6	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	613.7	619.7	628.9	630.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	582.3	586.6	585.4	596.4	99.0	99.3	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	601.8	615.2	618.4	623.3	99.5	99.5	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.5	613.7	617.4	621.0	99.7	99.7	99.6	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	230.9	223.4	81.6	75.6	98.0	98.0	100.0	81.1
Male	225.9	221.6	81.7	76.5	97.6	97.8	100.0	76.5
Female	235.9	225.3	81.7	74.8	98.3	98.3	100.0	85.9
White	238.7	232.7	86.4	79.4	98.2	98.0	100.0	86.5
African American	220.9	210.0	75.5	70.2	97.8	98.0	100.0	74.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92.9
Hispanic	220.4	215.1	78.9	74.3	98.6	98.6	100.0	71.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62.5
With Disabilities	209.0	198.2	70.0	68.9	92.8	92.8	100.0	51.6
Limited English Proficient	212.3	214.8	75.0	71.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.5
Subsidized Meals	221.8	212.1	76.7	71.4	97.4	97.6	100.0	70.9
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

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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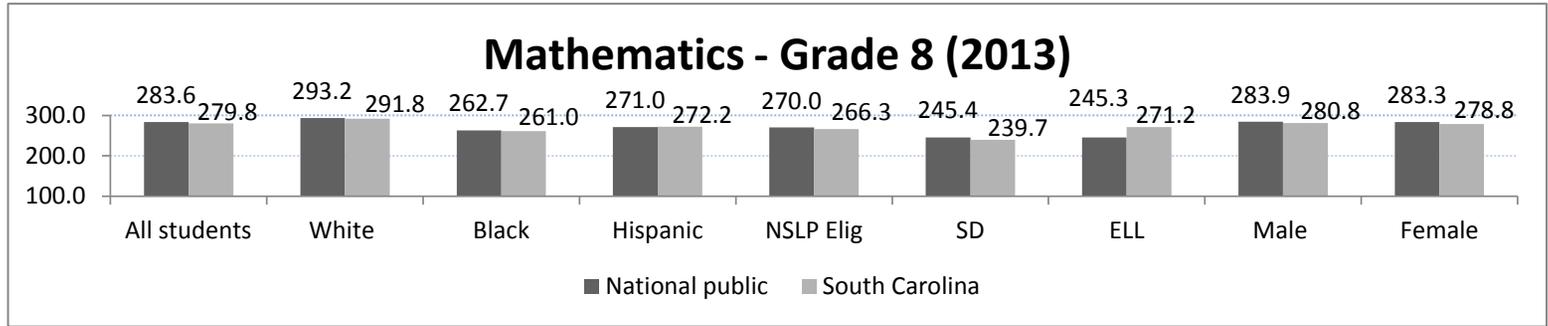
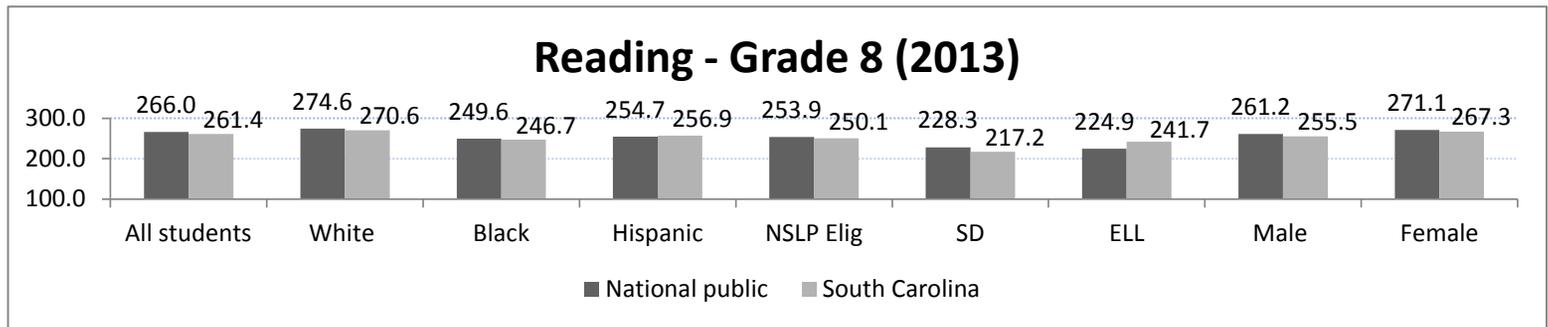
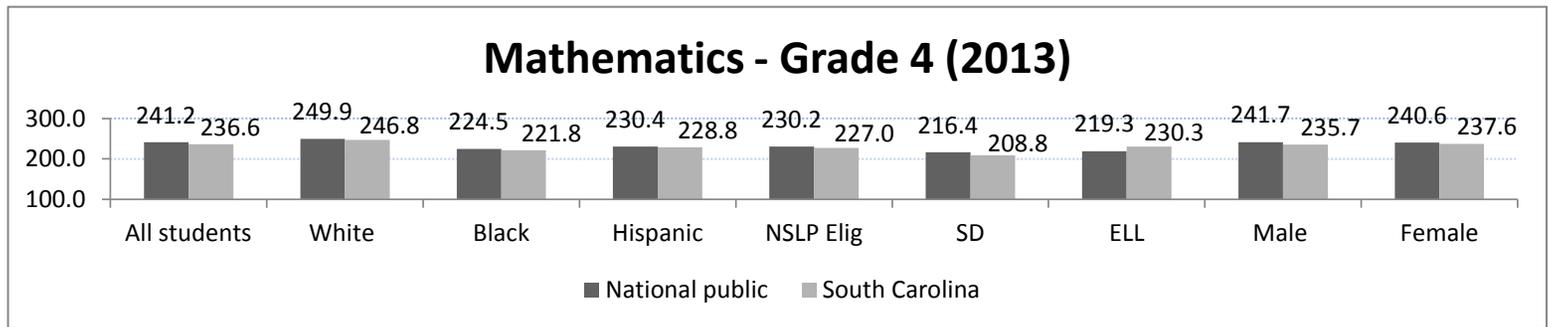
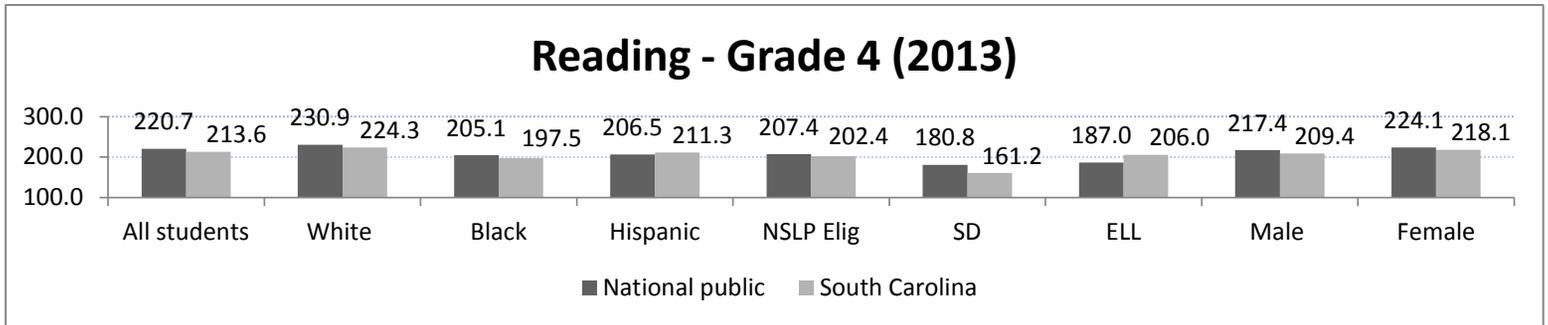
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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	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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