

## Gold Hill Middle School

1025 Dave Gibson Boulevard  
Tega Cay, SC 29708

<b>Grades</b>	6-8 Middle School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	701 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Matthew Wallace	803-548-8300
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.	803-548-2527
<b>Board Chair</b>	Patrick White	803-548-2527

# 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.

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

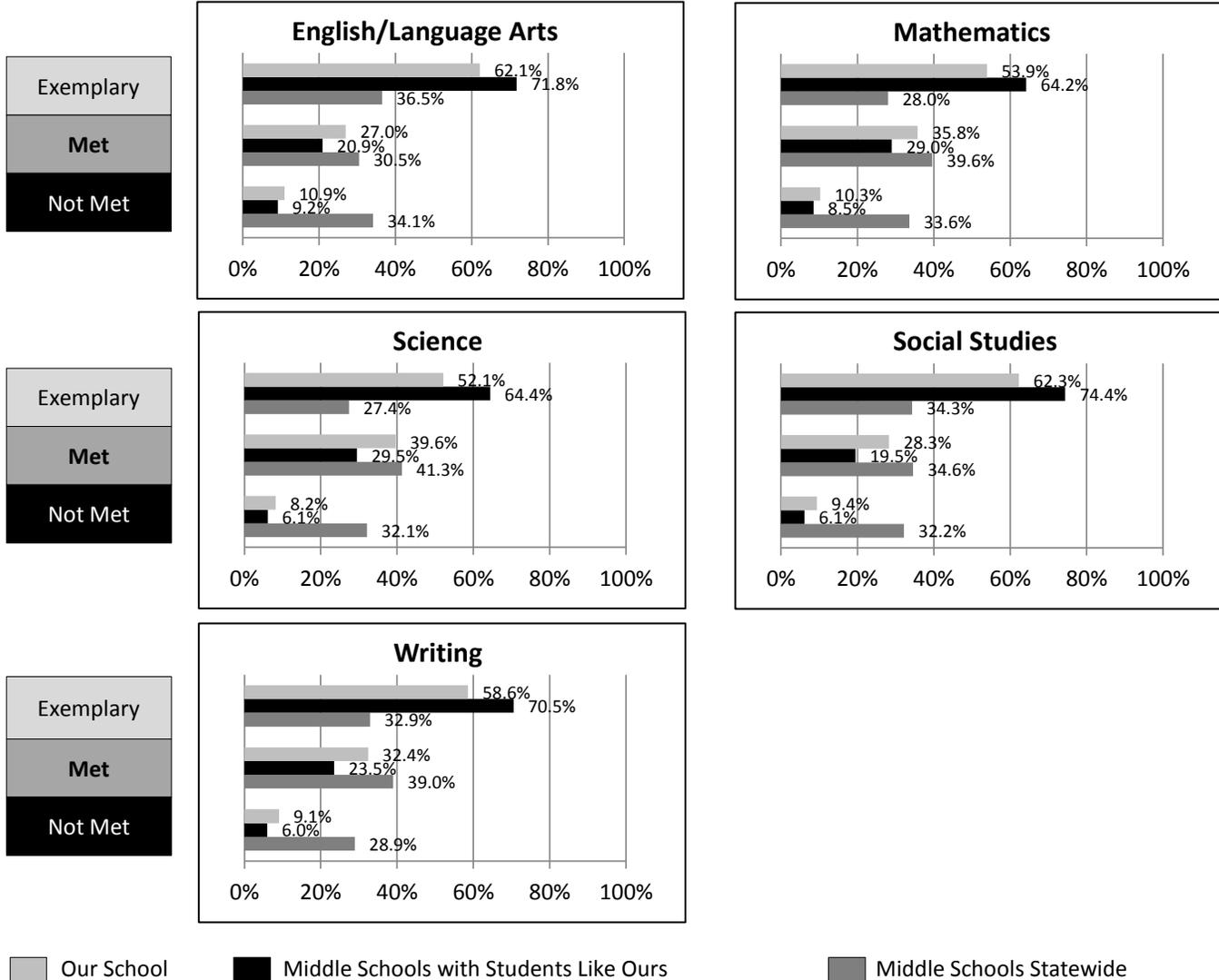
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 93.1%

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

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
5	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.

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## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n = 701)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	23.3%	Up from 22.8%	48.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	97.1%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	44.8%	Down from 45.2%	43.9%	19.4%
With disabilities	8.9%	Down from 9.4%	6.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.4%	0.4%	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%
<b>Teachers (n = 46)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.6%	Up from 63.3%	64.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	82.6%	Down from 87.8%	77.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Down from 90.3%	88.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.6%	94.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,152	Down 1.2%	\$46,439	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Down from 10.1 days	8.1 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 7.5	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Up from 19.4 to 1	24.2 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Up from 89.2%	89.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	92.9%	Down from 94.0%	99.8%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,038	Up 13.7%	\$5,990	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.7%	Up from 70.0%	70.5%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.5%	Up from 69.0%	69.5%	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%	99.7%
English 1	100.0%	100.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	99.9%

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## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Gold Hill Middle School began the 2013-2014 school year with a new Principal and two new Assistant Principals. The primary administrative goal this year was to support teachers in a way that allowed their focus to be centered on teaching and student learning. In addition to our primary goal, the administrative team concentrated on improving school communication, supporting the integration of Common Core State Standards, evaluating all systems used at GHMS, defining our school's core beliefs, integrating new technology supplied by the FMSD, and working on school beautification projects that improve the overall school facility.

Gold Hill Middle School continued their tradition of academic excellence. GHMS is a 2013-2014 Palmetto Gold Recipient and had thirty-eight eighth grade students recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars. GHMS also received a 2014 Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) Depth of Implementation Award due to our emphasis on student engagement and academic rigor.

Gold Hill Middle School students value community service. The student body raised \$3,823.72 for a Breast Cancer Vaccine Fund, "Pennies for Prevention." Our students also raised over 2,300 cans of food for our Hunger Food Drive.

A new mission statement was adopted this year and states, "The mission of Gold Hill Middle School is to continually provide learners with a rigorous education where all students are valued, and the faculty exhibits academic excellence by advancing knowledge through high expectations, collaboration, and engagement." The mission statement was developed collaboratively by the faculty, School Improvement Council (SIC) and PTA.

The faculty at Gold Hill Middle School received several honors for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Kathryn Beebe was selected as the Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Neena Hudson was selected as the support staff of the year.

Gold Hill Middle School continued their incredible partnership with our community. A School Store and Credit Union were opened on campus. This venture is run by GHMS students, the PTA, and Founders Federal Credit Union. In addition, the PTA provided over \$11,000 dollars to GHMS for instruction and curriculum support. Finally, the athletic booster club provided a new sound system for our athletic field, built a new storage facility, and upgraded the team locker rooms.

The focus of the 2014-2015 school year will remain centered on high academic rigor and continued improvement of student learning. Gold Hill Middle School will also focus on increasing student engagement, increasing student involvement and teacher collaboration. Gold Hill Middle School will strive to continue the tradition of excellence expected in the Fort Mill School District.

Sharyn Lewis, Chair of the School Improvement Council

Matthew Wallace, Principal

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	228	127
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	75.9%	86.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	78.8%	91.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	86.9%	71.9%

\* 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>91.1</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>A</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)**

Gold Hill 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**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	7.3%	
	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.1%	94.0%*	Yes
			<b>State</b>
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	659.0	667.3	672.7	668.9	99.9	99.7	99.8
Male	652.5	669.7	673.1	676.4	100.0	100.0	99.6
Female	666.1	664.8	672.3	660.0	99.7	99.4	100.0
White	660.2	668.3	674.6	668.1	99.8	99.7	100.0
African American	638.1	638.8	649.5	640.9	100.0	100.0	97.5
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	598.0	606.6	616.4	617.3	100.0	98.4	97.7
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	631.1	634.3	636.4	642.3	100.0	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

\* 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	216	665.9	100.0	216	670.6	100.0	
7	239	651.7	100.0	239	656.9	100.0	
8	257	665.4	99.6	257	659.5	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	108	663.3	100.0	108	682.2	100.0	
7	239	662.4	100.0	239	667.1	100.0	
8	128	657.0	100.0	129	686.0	99.2	

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	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	231	660.4	100.0	231	672.7	100.0	
7	233	660.1	100.0	233	668.2	99.1	
8	242	657.0	99.6	241	661.4	99.2	
		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	115	656.7	99.1	115	676.7	100.0	
7	233	674.9	99.1	233	664.8	99.1	
8	121	683.8	100.0	120	669.1	98.4	

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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 4604049

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	671.2	675.1	660.1	681.6	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	665.4	676.0	661.1	684.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	677.2	674.1	659.1	678.2	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	677.5	682.3	667.0	687.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	641.0	636.2	625.8	650.5	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	695.5	663.9	691.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	645.9	645.3	634.5	664.0	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	614.1	610.9	615.8	633.0	98.9	99.3	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.5	636.4	618.2	649.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	638.9	636.9	625.5	647.3	99.8	100.0	99.7	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	655.6	667.9	669.5	670.3	99.9	99.8	99.6	N/A
Male	647.8	667.2	669.6	674.2	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	663.4	668.7	669.5	666.4	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	660.9	672.7	675.3	674.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	629.0	636.5	639.2	641.3	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.9	700.5	687.4	684.9	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Hispanic	640.3	652.4	655.6	660.8	100.0	100.0	98.4	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	584.2	594.6	602.7	605.6	100.0	99.6	96.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.7	638.8	642.0	644.8	100.0	100.0	96.4	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.5	634.4	638.9	641.7	99.7	99.7	99.0	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	243.2	242.2	91.0	81.2	99.7	99.7	100.0	93.7
Male	241.3	244.6	91.7	82.2	99.5	99.5	100.0	92.8
Female	245.0	240.0	90.3	80.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	94.8
White	245.8	245.9	92.5	82.7	99.6	99.6	100.0	94.5
African American	231.8	222.8	83.2	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.5
Hispanic	233.1	225.5	84.0	76.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	216.0	209.9	77.2	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	69.1
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.5
Subsidized Meals	230.3	225.3	83.0	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.5
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

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

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**Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)** 4/27/2015 4604049

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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
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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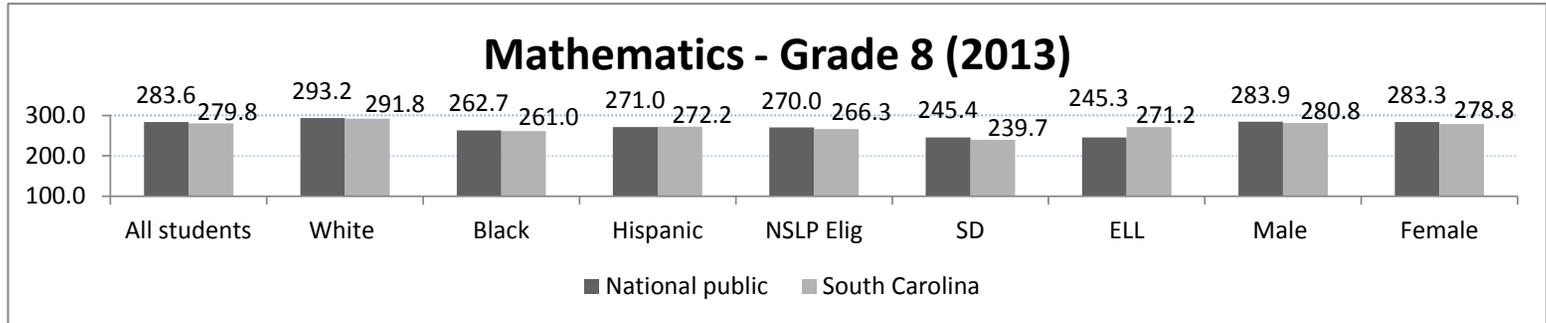
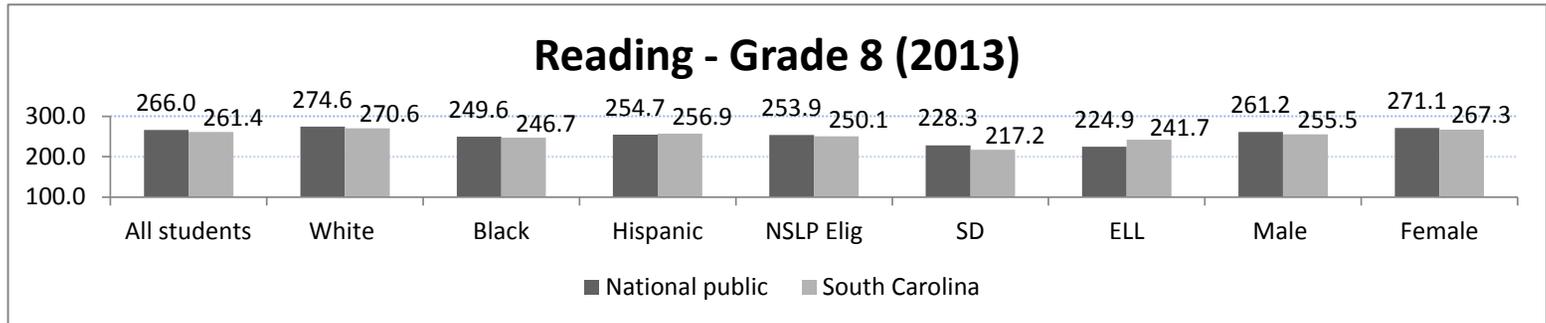
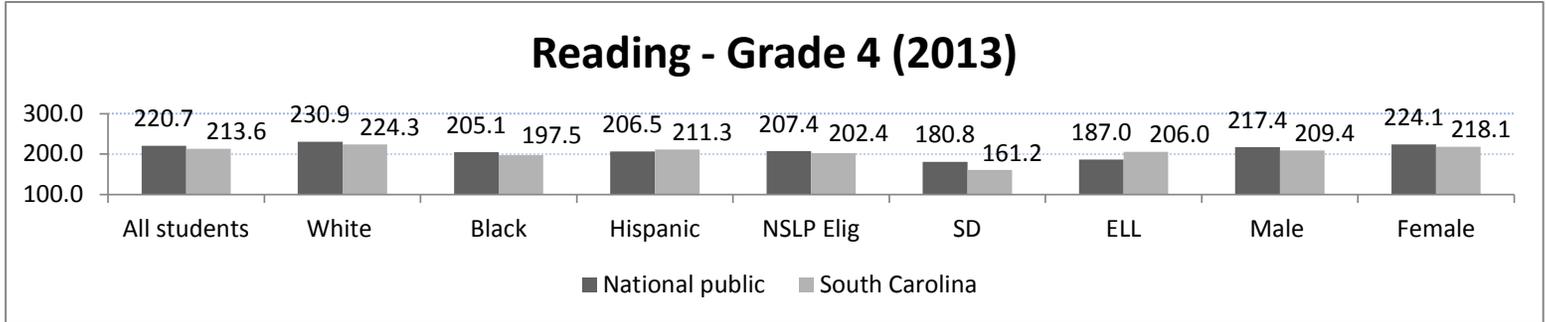
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\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable    N/AV-Not Available    N/C-Not Collected    N/R-Not Reported    I/S-Insufficient Sample