



Calhoun Academy of the Arts

1520 East Calhoun Street
Anderson, SC 29621

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	635 Students	
Principal	Mrs. Ann D. Self	864-260-5090
Superintendent	Thomas A. Wilson	864-260-5000
Board Chair	Rick Bradshaw	864-224-5502

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	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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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

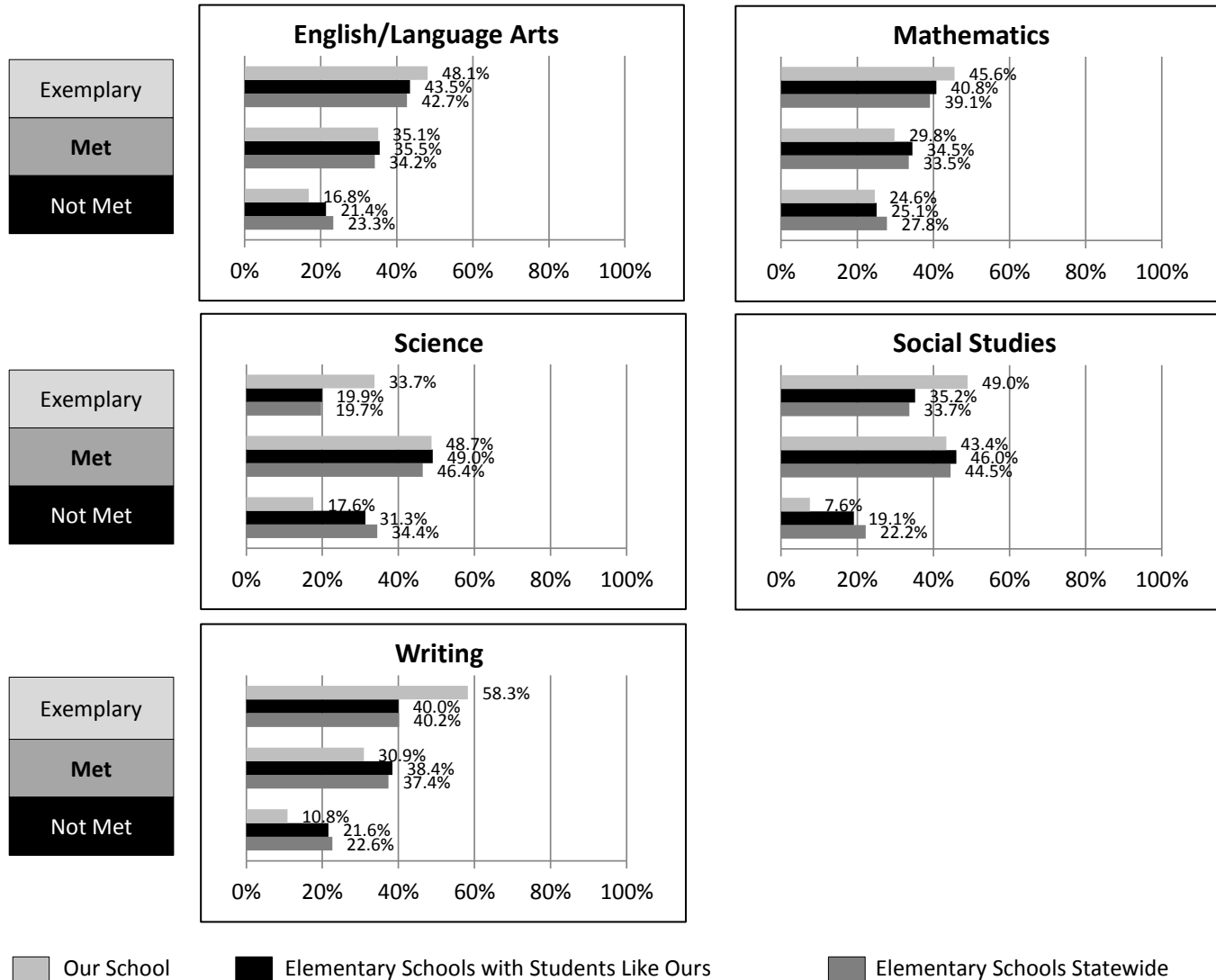
96.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
30	54	38	2	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary 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

N/A-Not Applicable

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 635)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Down from 0.5%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.1%	Up from 96.2%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.7%	Down from 8.4%	7.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.7%	Up from 10.1%	13.3%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.5%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.8%	Up from 52.3%	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	97.8%	Up from 84.1%	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 89.1%	89.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 96.3%	95.4%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,573	Up 0.4%	\$48,393	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	0.7 days	Down from 6.6 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	20.0	No change	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/A	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 92.0%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,492	Up 10.7%	\$7,479	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.6%	Up from 68.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.6%	Up from 67.0%	66.5%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

"Calhoun Academy of the Arts "saddled up for success" this year with a western theme and our 40-year anniversary as an elementary school. Our "40-Year Round-Up" in October was a four-hour celebration attended not only by hundreds of students, parents, and community member but also by past principals, teachers, and students who came back to their Calhoun family from many miles away. Calhoun students showcased their dance, drama, strings, visual art, and singing talents, with bluegrass music and barbecue provided by our Anderson community. We are particularly thankful to our phenomenal P.T.O., without whom this huge event could not have taken place. ☐

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We continue to embrace the integration of the arts and academics through artistic expression in our classrooms and student performances. Calhoun again was the recipient of South Carolina's ABC (Arts in Basic Curriculum) grant of \$7500. This provided funding for comic artist Dave McDonald, who taught our fifth graders the elements of story-writing through comic strip drawing. We were also able to continue our relationship with storyteller Tim Lowry, who helped coordinate Colonial Day for our fourth graders. The grant also helped fund our mammoth school-wide student performance in March, Books to Broadway, which featured the singing, dancing, and acting talents of our students and staff. Other school performances this year include Christmas at the O.K. Corral by second grade; strings and chorus concerts; and collaborative performances with dance and art in which students showcased original dance moves while their own artwork was displayed on the stage backdrop. Our music and drama (MAD) departments also collaborated to perform class-written scripts and songs that integrated academic standards, MAD about Learning. All students showcased their artwork at a school-wide art show in October. The artworks of many Calhoun students were featured at the countywide art show, and first place winner of the elementary division was from Calhoun. Additionally, for the third consecutive year, Calhoun was a winner at the AnMed art show. We are also proud of our fifth grade advanced strings students, who brought home awards from the S.C. Solo and Ensemble Festival, and our honors chorus, who participated in a district choral clinic. ☐

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Calhoun received an excellent rating on our school report card this year, as well as AYP status and the Palmetto Silver Award. We continued our status as an Exemplary Writing School, as our students practiced journaling in every subject and student, parent, and staff writings were displayed throughout our school. ☐

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Calhoun fourth and fifth grade girls who are part of our ENGAGE club participated in community service and other activities this year that enhanced positive character traits and self-esteem. Fifth grade students ran our daily morning news show as they assumed roles of writers, news anchors, weather reporters, camera operators, and other technical support. ☐

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We wish to thank our PTO, who did so much for Calhoun this year, including purchasing each child a school T-shirt and providing funds for every grade level attend a performance at the Brooks Center. We are also thankful for our mentors of our Legacy Mentor Program for giving of their time to mentor our children and for our Anderson University student tutors of the America Reads, America Counts program. We join with our stakeholders as we continue to educate our children and inspire them to create, aspire, and achieve.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	68	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	77.9%	94.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	86.9%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.8%	94.2%	70.6%

* Only students at the highest elementary 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	95.6
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)

Calhoun Academy of the Arts 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		0.3	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	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.1%	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 3-5							
All Students	652.2	650.5	648.6	664.1	99.7	99.7	99.5
Male	654.4	655.9	659.5	668.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	650.9	647.2	641.5	661.6	99.5	99.5	99.2
White	669.9	669.4	665.8	674.5	99.4	99.4	99.1
African American	629.3	624.1	619.8	647.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	635.2	631.0	630.0	651.8	99.5	99.5	99.3
Migrant	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

* 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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	103	648.3	100.0	103	632.8	100.0
	4	101	651.7	100.0	101	662.5	100.0
	5	118	647.8	100.0	118	645.1	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	51	628.1	100.0	52	646.2	100.0
	4	101	647.1	100.0	101	671.9	100.0
	5	59	639.3	100.0	59	673.3	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	91	663.1	100.0	91	641.9	100.0
	4	117	650.8	100.0	117	656.6	100.0
	5	101	644.0	100.0	101	651.6	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	44	633.3	100.0	47	650.0	100.0
	4	117	648.3	100.0	117	672.0	100.0
	5	51	662.8	100.0	50	659.8	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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	0405060
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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	649.9	650.3	638.8	660.8	99.9	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	646.1	650.1	639.1	664.0	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Female	653.6	650.4	638.6	657.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	665.0	668.6	655.3	676.6	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
African American	626.5	620.4	611.2	635.5	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.0	708.5	685.4	700.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	634.4	633.0	625.9	648.3	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	608.0	603.2	601.5	621.8	99.5	99.2	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	640.0	645.7	630.5	656.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.3	627.3	619.1	640.6	99.8	99.6	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
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	636.4	638.5	641.1	650.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	629.7	636.1	640.9	652.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	643.7	641.1	641.3	647.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	652.8	652.7	656.3	664.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	610.5	614.9	615.9	627.3	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.8	685.1	677.6	679.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	631.4	631.5	637.7	648.1	100.0	99.3	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	580.6	588.4	592.5	599.2	100.0	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.1	635.1	631.0	643.2	100.0	99.2	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.0	620.2	622.9	631.6	100.0	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	229.7	222.3	83.4	76.6	98.8	98.7	100.0	75.9
Male	226.0	221.7	83.3	77.7	98.3	97.9	100.0	71.1
Female	233.7	223.0	83.5	75.6	99.3	99.5	100.0	81.8
White	237.2	231.2	88.0	80.1	98.8	98.6	100.0	79.2
African American	219.3	208.6	77.1	70.9	98.9	98.9	100.0	69.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0
Hispanic	226.8	227.4	83.4	N/A	97.6	97.6	100.0	75.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.1	192.0	69.0	66.9	96.9	96.2	100.0	38.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	80.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.9
Subsidized Meals	220.1	209.9	78.3	72.3	98.3	98.1	100.0	62.3
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.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	0405060
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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

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

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



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

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