

## Whale Branch Elementary School

15 Stuart Point Road  
Seabrook, SC 29940

<b>Grades</b>	PK-4 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	535 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Anita Lynn Singleton	843-466-1000
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Moss	843-322-2300
<b>Board Chair</b>	Bill Evans	843-322-2357

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Good</b>
2013	Average	Excellent
2012	Below Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Average
2010	Below Average	Below Average

## 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>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

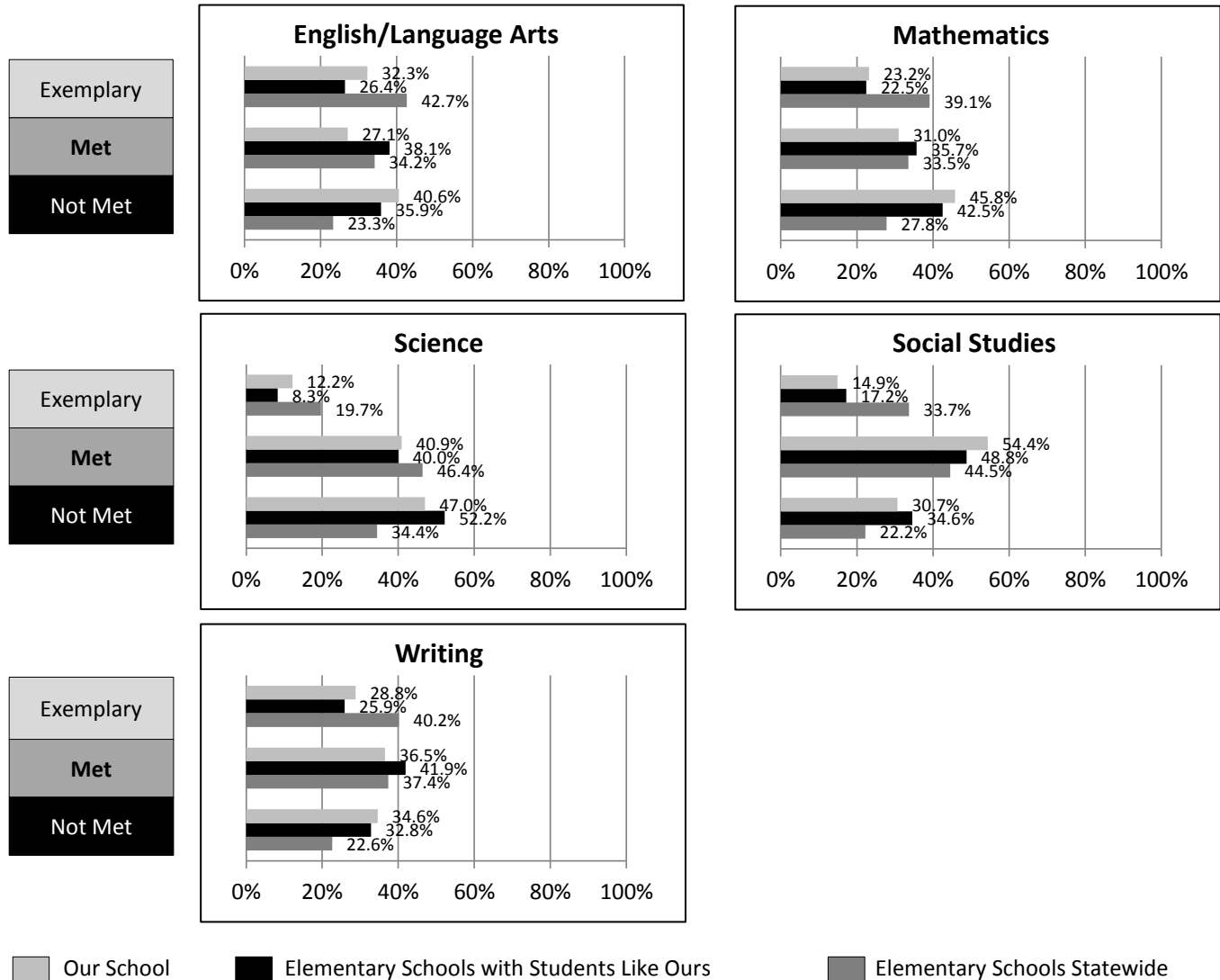
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.2%

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

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	7	108	47	16

\* 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.

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## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n = 535)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.5%	Up from 96.4%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	2.0%	Down from 2.5%	2.8%	7.3%
With disabilities	8.7%	Up from 6.7%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Down from 1.0%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 39)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.7%	Down from 51.3%	60.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	48.7%	No change	74.2%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	75.0%	Up from 64.3%	83.8%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 94.2%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,580	Up 2.2%	\$46,089	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Down from 17.9 days	10.7 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Down from 22.4 to 1	18.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	Up from 89.5%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 91.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,973	Up 40.1%	\$8,691	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	64.0%	Down from 66.0%	65.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.8%	Up from 60.0%	64.4%	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**

The 2013-2014 school year proved to be an exciting and successful year for Whale Branch Elementary School. We were recognized for outstanding student academic achievement as we received the Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance and the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. Teachers continued to receive weekly embedded professional development through TAP (The System for Student and Teacher Advancement).

Literacy continued to be our focus. Our students have been privileged to participate in the Savannah Sand Gnats Reading Program and Rainbow Readers. As a result, many of our students and their family members attended a Savannah Sand Gnats game. Students who attained their goals in the Rainbow Readers program were able to attend our first ever, "Party for the Purple People".

Families had the opportunity to come in for literacy and math nights and programs throughout the year. Our cluster schools, Whale Branch Middle School and Whale Branch Early College High School partnered with us to complete a variety of activities including Book Buddies, weekly visits from the teacher cadets, and members of the athletic teams reading to and with students.

Our stakeholders continued to support us. In collaboration with the YMCA of the Lowcountry, we continue to provide a summer program for students, focusing on literacy instruction and enrichment activities. Through a grant with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce we were able to have an afterschool program to provide extended learning activities to students in grades 3 and 4. Students were also able to participate in an afterschool art and music program. As a result, many of our students were identified as gifted in the arts. Our students' artwork have appeared in many events this school year, including Artscapade and the Yemassee Shrimp Festival.

Teaching students to be responsible citizens continues to be a goal. The PBIS model (Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports) continues to be used to emphasize and model positive behaviors. Faculty and staff members participated in Relay for Life and students raised over \$2,600 for Jump Rope For Heart.

The success of our school is aided by the participation, involvement, and collaborative effort of students, faculty and staff members, and community members. The Sheldon Township continues to support our schools through focusing on the academic, health, and wellness of our students and their families.

We look forward to the 2014-2015 school year.

Anita Lynn Singleton, Principal                      Audrey Jenkins, SIC Chair

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	54	17
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	85.2%	58.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.1%	74.0%	70.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	44.1%	83.0%	58.8%

\* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

**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>71</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>C</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)**

Whale Branch Elementary 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.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	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	8.1	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.2	7.3%	
	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.4%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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 3-5</b>							
All Students	617.6	610.9	604.7	623.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	617.9	610.6	610.1	625.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	617.2	611.2	598.7	622.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	614.8	606.5	599.1	620.7	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	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.8	607.4	601.3	621.2	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)	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

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	84	630.4	100.0	84	602.7	100.0
4	79	625.7	100.0	79	635.2	100.0	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
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	42	590.5	100.0	43	615.3	100.0	
4	79	611.0	100.0	79	630.2	100.0	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
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	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	87	620.0	100.0	87	596.1	100.0
4	83	615.0	100.0	83	626.5	98.8	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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	43	588.4	100.0	44	611.3	100.0	
4	82	613.6	98.8	82	630.4	97.6	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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 0701023

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	644.3	653.8	625.0	639.2	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	639.7	654.9	626.2	641.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	649.1	652.7	623.8	636.6	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
White	667.6	681.4	649.5	658.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
African American	618.0	620.2	598.2	616.5	99.7	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.7	710.5	666.4	666.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	632.1	641.9	611.4	631.4	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	600.7	587.1	607.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	629.2	639.8	608.2	629.1	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.1	633.3	608.1	624.2	99.7	99.7	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	626.2	637.0	631.3	633.8	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	618.1	635.2	630.9	635.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	634.2	638.8	631.8	631.8	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	650.3	659.4	652.4	654.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
African American	602.1	610.3	610.7	613.6	99.9	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.1	685.8	670.7	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	609.1	626.0	614.9	619.0	99.9	99.9	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	564.1	582.1	577.1	591.2	99.8	100.0	99.1	N/A
Limited English Proficient	599.2	617.8	606.0	612.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	607.0	618.1	614.2	617.2	99.9	99.9	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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
All Students	232.3	226.8	83.1	75.3	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.3
Male	228.4	227.2	83.6	75.7	98.5	98.8	100.0	73.5
Female	236.2	226.3	82.6	74.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.7
White	241.7	237.9	88.6	79.8	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.0
African American	220.7	211.7	75.7	69.3	98.7	99.1	100.0	74.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.4
Hispanic	225.7	221.3	80.5	73.2	98.1	98.1	100.0	72.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.2	194.9	67.5	63.0	98.3	98.3	100.0	40.1
Limited English Proficient	218.0	213.7	76.2	69.6	98.9	98.9	100.0	68.4
Subsidized Meals	223.2	215.9	77.9	71.0	99.0	99.3	100.0	71.4
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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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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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	1

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