

Bluffton Elementary and Early Childhood Center

160 H. E. McCracken Circle
Bluffton, SC 29910

Grades PK-5 Elementary School
Enrollment 713 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	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	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.

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

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

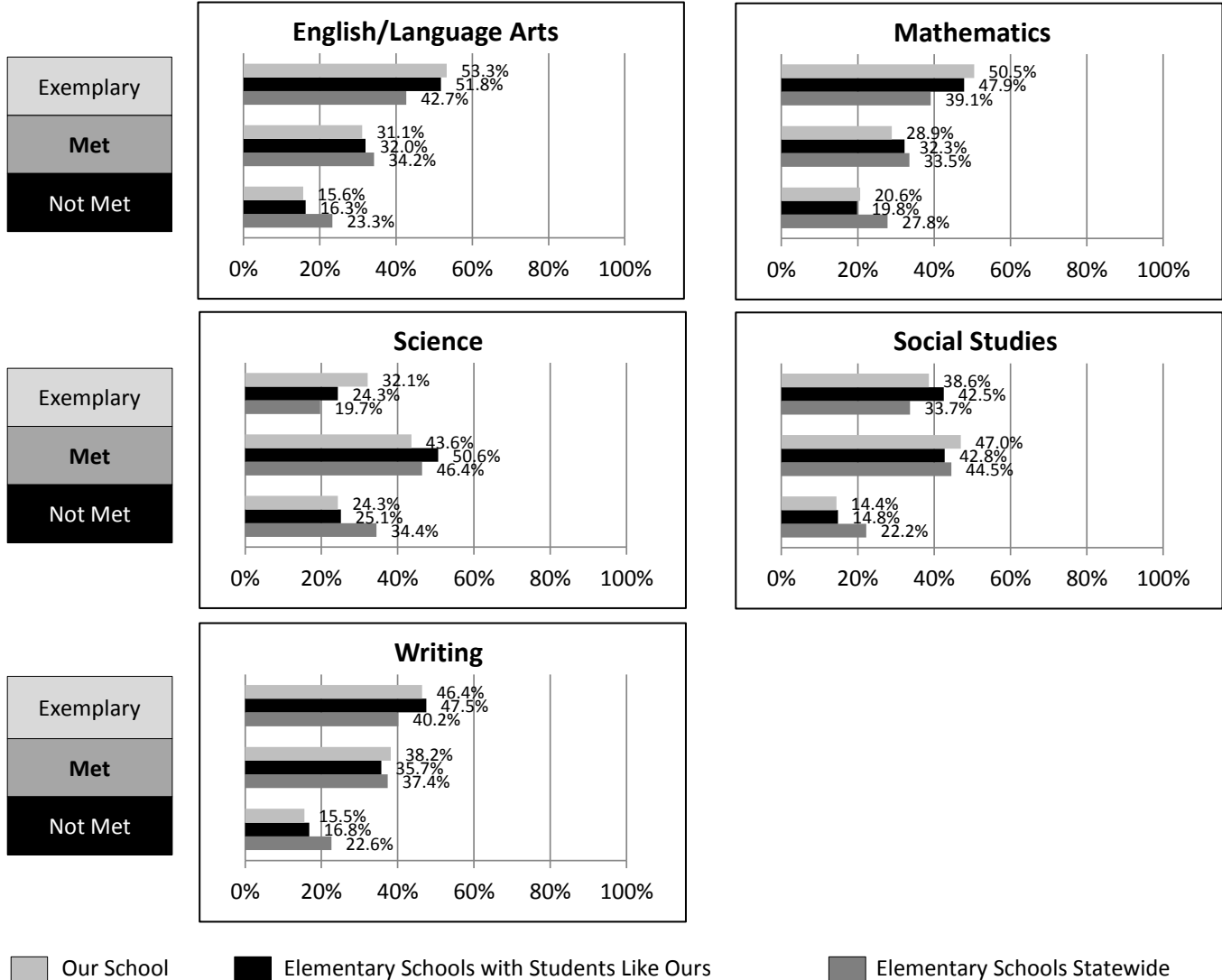
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
48	26	7	0	0

* 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

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 713)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 96.7%	96.7%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.4%	Down from 11.3%	10.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.1%	Down from 11.3%	11.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	No change	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.3%	Down from 48.9%	63.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	49.1%	Down from 82.2%	82.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.9%	Up from 79.7%	90.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Up from 92.9%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,111	Down 2.6%	\$49,832	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	17.1 days	Down from 18.1 days	11.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Down from 22.2 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Up from 87.6%	91.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	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**	\$8,504	Up 8.3%	\$7,007	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.0%	Down from 66.0%	68.6%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.8%	Down from 65.0%	67.5%	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

For the 2013/14 school year, Bluffton Elementary and Early Childhood Center continues to focus on academic improvement, community service and technology integration. ☐

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The staff had a strong push for Science, including the addition of a Science Lab. This led to improvements with an overall increase of 7%. After the rounds of MAP testing this year, we identified a weakness in math. We have developed plans to focus on individual student weaknesses by strand. ☐

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For technology, we have been granted permission to be a school of choice for animation, creation and design. Students will be designing apps, games and learning coding, 2D/3D and stop motion animation. This choice option will be available for 2015. Throughout this year and continuing for next year, staff will attend training and professional development in preparation for the choice.☐

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Through our Positive Behavior Intervention community service projects, our students have donated over 600 can goods to a local food bank, reached out to our military to show support, and continued to support our local animal shelters with donated items. Our focus will be to continue to expand our projects as we work closely with the community in which we live.☐

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Christine Brown – Principal

Mary Rozek – Assistant Principal

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Kathy Cuppia – School Improvement Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	93	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.5%	86.0%	93.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.8%	88.1%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.6%	87.1%	77.7%

* 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	94.4
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)

Bluffton Elementary and Early Childhood Center 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	8.1	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.2	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.5%	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	655.2	657.1	641.4	654.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	650.1	659.0	643.6	659.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	660.6	655.0	639.1	649.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	667.4	672.0	653.2	664.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	624.7	619.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	639.3	635.9	624.5	644.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	643.3	639.3	622.9	644.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	639.2	633.1	620.7	636.9	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

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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	112	659.3	100.0	112	641.1	100.0
4	83	649.0	100.0	83	661.5	100.0	
5	105	654.3	99.1	105	649.4	99.1	
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	55	629.5	100.0	57	620.6	100.0
	4	83	640.4	100.0	83	683.4	100.0
	5	53	630.7	100.0	52	623.4	98.1
	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	106	669.3	100.0	106	644.3	100.0
4	122	647.4	100.0	122	672.0	99.2	
5	100	650.9	100.0	100	653.7	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	53	623.3	100.0	53	635.4	100.0
	4	122	648.8	99.2	122	673.5	99.2
	5	52	642.8	100.0	48	628.1	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 0701024

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
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
Grades 6 - 8								
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
Grades 9 - 12								
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
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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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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