



St. John's Elementary

140 Park Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	606 Students	
Principal	Jean B. Taylor	843-398-2350
Superintendent	Dr. Eddie Ingram	843-398-5100
Board Chair	Warren Jeffords	843-326-5970

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	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.

<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

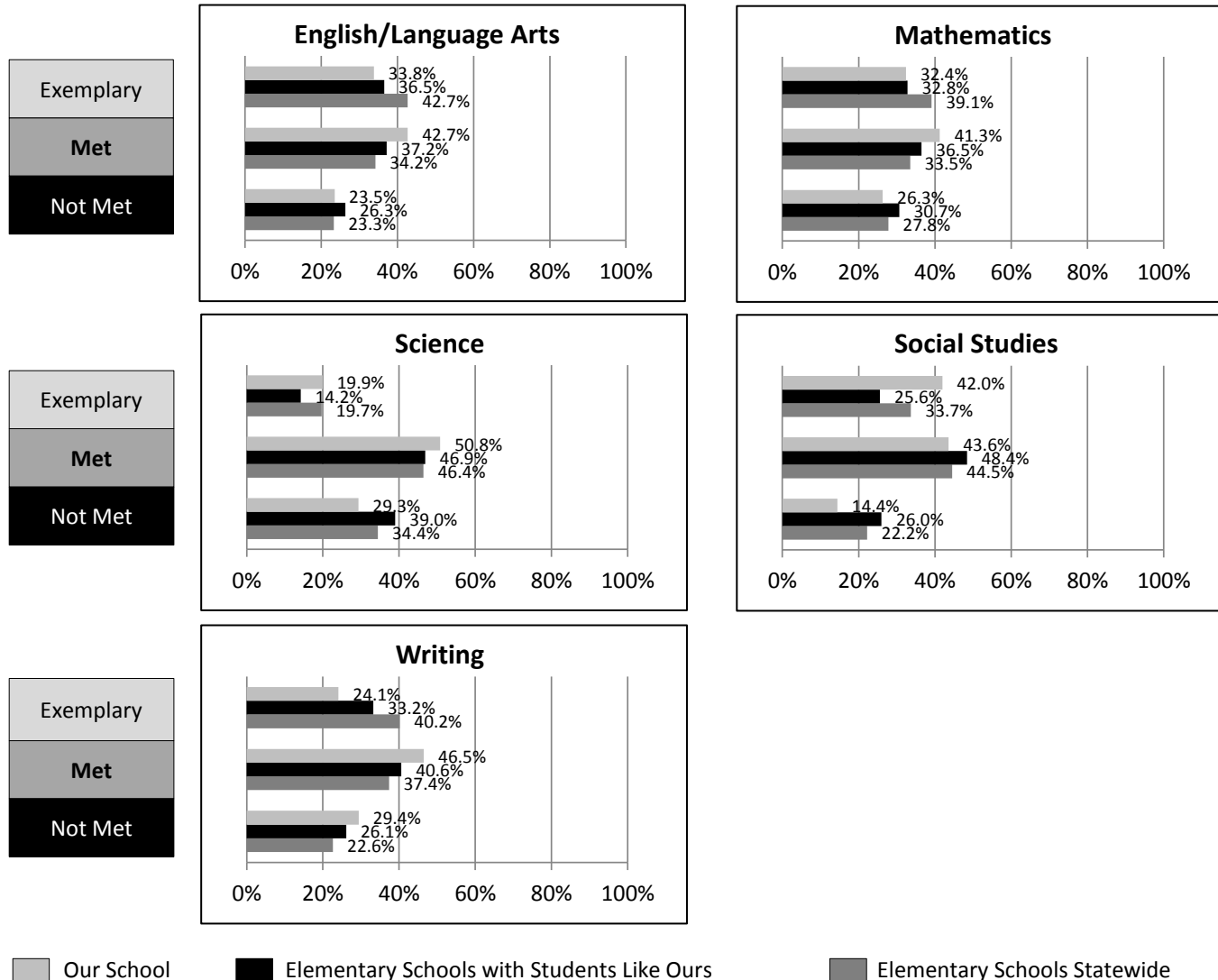
98.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
16	16	97	5	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 = 606)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	3.7%	Up from 1.2%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	No change	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	2.3%	Down from 2.9%	5.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	17.9%	Up from 16.1%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.0%	Up from 5.5%	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.1%	Up from 60.5%	61.2%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Up from 86.8%	80.9%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.4%	Up from 94.2%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 95.1%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,563	Down 1.0%	\$47,720	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Down from 13.7 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	23.0	Up from 22.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Down from 24.4 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 90.2%	90.1%	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**	\$6,871	Up 3.4%	\$7,752	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.7%	Down from 65.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.2%	Up from 63.0%	65.2%	66.0%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

St. John's Elementary, a Title 1 school, had a productive 2013-2014 school year. The school continued to work collaboratively with parents, and the community to promote excellence in academics, athletics, attendance, attitude, and the arts. Balanced literacy instruction, a first grade reading interventionist, Fast Forward, ALEKS, Kahn Academy, workstations, Math Rit band groups, Accelerated Reader, Wilson, Success Maker and Compass lab programs were provided for students to strengthen academic performance. St. John's was recognized as a Title 1 Reward School for Performance.

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Forty four students were invited to attend the All A Team banquet. Two students earned all A's for five consecutive years. Twenty nine students were inducted in the National Beta Club. One student was recognized for having perfect attendance for six years. Honor Roll students were recognized quarterly throughout the year. Identified students who excelled in SCPASS Math were invited to attend DSAP. All students participated in the annual Science Fair. Students read independently throughout the year and were recognized once they read 100 books in the Principals' Reading Club. One first grade student read over 700 books! Students who diligently practiced math facts were inducted into the Principal's Math Club.

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The student body supported the community by sponsoring the annual Christmas Can Food Drive, participating in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon and by hosting our first annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Student Council officers assisted during the quarterly Spirit Day Assemblies, the Fall Festival, and Awards Day. Student Marshals and Flag Corps team members provided leadership opportunities for students. The annual Fall Festival, Spring Talent Show and Field Day celebrations provided opportunities for community involvement and participation.

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District led ELA, Math, Science, and GT Social Studies sessions were held during the school year to strengthen teacher knowledge and instruction of the standards. Common Core staff development sessions were held. The school wide PBS model continued to acknowledge appropriate student behavior. Morning math and reading tutorial services were provided for students. After school computer lab sessions were provided for identified third, fourth and fifth grade students. All first through fifth grade students participated in daily thirty minute Success Maker or COMPASS sessions to improve their reading and math skills. St. John's earned a Growth rating of Average and an Absolute rating of Average for the 2012-2013 school year. Debi Slone was recognized as Teacher of the Year. Matelon Cummings was recognized as Educator of the Year and Gretchen Johnson was recognized as Assistant of the Year.

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The Association of Parents and Teachers, the School Improvement Council and numerous business partners worked collaboratively to continue our tradition of excellence, serving the Darlington Community since 1818.

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Jean B. Taylor, Principal and Martha M. Bridgeman, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	100	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.0%	80.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.5%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.9%	87.9%	67.2%

* 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	82.3
Overall Grade Conversion	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)

St. John's Elementary has been designated as a:

X	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.
	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	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.6%	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	632.7	634.3	625.9	650.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	626.3	636.3	629.6	652.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	639.0	632.4	622.1	648.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	640.4	645.9	639.4	654.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	625.4	624.5	614.7	646.5	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	603.8	598.3	598.7	623.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.8	629.0	621.6	645.2	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	105	632.1	100.0	105	617.9	100.0
	4	124	630.5	100.0	124	642.1	100.0
	5	119	648.0	100.0	119	629.5	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	52	616.1	100.0	55	633.0	100.0
	4	121	641.1	100.0	120	658.4	100.0
	5	61	627.4	98.4	58	647.7	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	109	627.0	100.0	109	618.8	100.0
	4	88	638.4	100.0	88	640.9	100.0
	5	117	633.1	100.0	117	643.4	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	57	597.4	100.0	55	641.1	98.2
	4	88	636.4	100.0	87	668.9	100.0
	5	59	635.3	100.0	58	631.0	98.3
	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	1601026
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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	638.3	637.1	629.3	645.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
Male	633.2	636.9	631.9	647.3	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
Female	643.4	637.3	626.5	642.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	658.0	656.3	652.7	663.2	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	622.2	620.9	609.5	629.7	99.9	99.8	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	622.2	624.1	624.1	641.2	98.3	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	599.6	596.7	595.8	610.8	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	630.6	641.1	633.8	646.3	98.2	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	629.0	627.6	618.0	635.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	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	620.6	620.3	630.3	634.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	614.6	619.5	632.4	635.2	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	626.9	621.1	628.2	633.0	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	642.5	637.7	652.7	655.3	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	603.7	606.5	612.3	618.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	616.1	625.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	582.4	584.8	589.4	595.2	99.7	100.0	99.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	611.3	627.9	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	608.8	610.1	618.7	621.7	99.8	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	228.2	223.4	78.7	74.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	90.4
Male	225.3	222.7	78.7	75.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.5
Female	230.9	224.1	78.7	72.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	96.1
White	234.9	232.7	83.3	78.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.1
African American	222.7	215.9	75.1	69.5	99.8	99.8	100.0	90.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	81.8
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	208.8	201.7	69.1	65.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	53.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	222.8	217.6	75.3	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	87.4
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

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

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	1601026
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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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*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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