



## Palmetto Bays Elementary School

8900 Highway 544  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

**Grades** PK-5 Elementary School  
**Enrollment** 608 Students  
**Principal** Cathy Slater 843-236-6200  
**Superintendent** Dr. Cynthia Elsberry 843-488-6700  
**Board Chair** Joe DeFeo 843-222-5912

# 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	Good
2011	Good	Average
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>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

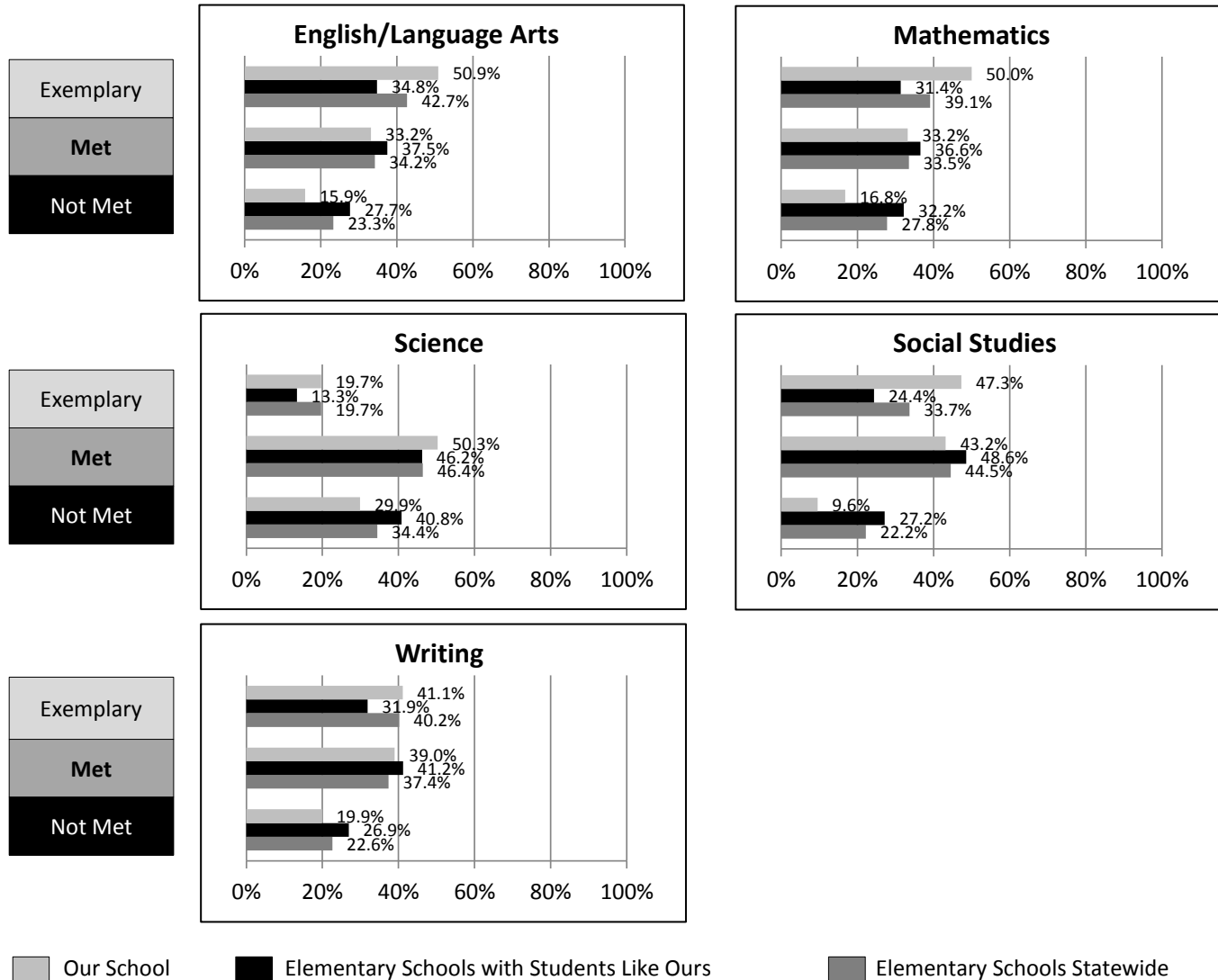
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 95.1%

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

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	16	106	8	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

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n = 608)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.9%	No change	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.2%	Up from 95.4%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	6.0%	Down from 6.6%	5.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	20.3%	Up from 19.0%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Down from 1.4%	2.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 44)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Up from 53.2%	60.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Up from 80.9%	80.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6%	Up from 91.9%	87.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	No change	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,720	Down 1.4%	\$47,528	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	14.7 days	Down from 15.2 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Down from 21.5 to 1	19.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 89.1%	90.0%	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**	\$10,803	Down 5.6%	\$7,888	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.9%	Down from 70.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.5%	Down from 66.0%	65.0%	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**

Palmetto Bays Elementary School is located just off Highway 544 in the southwest section of the Carolina Forest Attendance Area in the Horry County School District.

We are the Home of the Timberwolves, our school mascot; and a place where “Students are Cherished and Challenged”. At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, Palmetto Bays will have completed twelve years of service to its community. Palmetto Bays is home to approximately 100 full and part time professional and support staff members who provide both general and special education services, Child Development classes, counseling, health, food, transportation services, and after school child-care to just over 600 students in Pre-School through Grade 5. Students at Palmetto Bays benefit from the skills and experience of an outstanding staff. On average, professional staff members at Palmetto Bays have been teaching for 20 years. We are truly blessed to have an excellent combination of staff with one to forty-one years of experience. The value of this is a rich mixture of experience, skills, training, energy and interests that combines to help us meet the needs and expectations of our students and their parents. In reference to education and training, 60% of our staff members hold Masters Degrees or above, four hold National Board Certification, and all engage in staff development activities each year which demonstrates a true commitment to our profession and a desire to excel. We are grateful that our district supports us in keeping our average student-teacher ratio at 23 to 1, and while we could always do better, we are proud that our average daily attendance rate is 96%. We are well aware that in order to be healthy, happy, productive citizens of the 21st century, we must strive for excellence in attendance, achievement, and attitude. To that end, building-wide, students and staff strive to achieve three worthy goals:

To be good citizens – treating everything and everyone with respect and responsibility

To be good students – focused on learning and growing

To be ever better ladies and gentlemen – treating others with kindness and care.

This past year Palmetto Bays earned a Grade of A with a 99.5% rating on our Annual Report Card. We were named a Palmetto Gold Award School for General Performance and a Palmetto Silver Award School for Closing the Achievement Gap Throughout the year our Parent-Teacher Organization and Community Partners help us provide a variety of extension and enrichment activities that support our annual learning and facility goals. During the year students can select from a number of extra-curricular offerings to challenge themselves and work with the school to build community. These activities include opportunities in the areas of broadcasting, technology including robotics, track, archery, music, drama, art, leadership, science, and community service.

Dawn McKinney, Principal

Natasha Hanna, School Improvement Chair

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	34	84	39
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	85.7%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.3%	79.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.6%	89.2%	55.6%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>91.6</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)**

Palmetto Bays Elementary School 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**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.5	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8	7.3%

	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.2%	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	645.5	651.1	629.2	653.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	633.8	642.6	619.6	652.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	657.4	659.7	639.2	653.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	655.8	664.6	639.7	659.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	622.0	618.9	593.6	631.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	643.4	648.7	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	605.1	603.1	584.8	626.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	652.9	661.5	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	643.8	647.6	626.5	656.0	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	74	650.5	100.0	74	626.7	100.0
4	97	651.9	100.0	97	662.2	100.0	
5	76	658.9	100.0	76	649.4	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	34	631.1	100.0	40	651.5	97.5
	4	96	646.8	100.0	97	671.6	100.0
	5	39	650.6	100.0	37	650.0	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

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	91	641.2	100.0	91	631.8	100.0
4	74	643.0	100.0	74	657.5	100.0	
5	90	651.6	100.0	90	664.3	98.9	
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	47	599.9	100.0	44	649.5	100.0
	4	74	642.8	100.0	74	659.9	100.0
	5	45	635.9	100.0	45	646.0	97.8
	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 2601056

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	653.4	661.5	634.3	654.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	649.1	662.4	635.1	657.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	658.0	660.5	633.5	651.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	664.6	674.7	646.2	664.3	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	626.3	629.6	605.9	630.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	672.7	688.8	656.0	674.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	642.4	648.5	623.9	645.3	99.3	99.9	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	650.7	643.0	633.2	634.6	98.5	98.5	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	607.0	607.0	593.4	615.5	99.0	99.4	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	641.6	651.0	622.5	647.7	99.3	100.0	99.7	N/A
Subsidized Meals	641.2	646.5	622.1	641.9	99.6	99.7	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	631.7	642.1	644.2	644.6	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	624.8	639.4	643.0	646.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	639.1	645.1	645.5	642.2	99.9	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	643.0	653.1	656.3	655.1	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	602.5	612.5	612.1	615.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	654.9	680.3	675.4	680.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	620.5	633.3	633.2	636.7	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	648.9	641.4	647.9	638.2	100.0	100.0	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.2	587.7	589.7	596.5	99.5	99.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	614.3	630.5	629.3	632.4	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.7	627.8	629.5	629.5	99.7	99.8	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	230.4	226.1	84.5	77.0	98.8	98.7	100.0	78.8
Male	226.6	226.2	84.6	78.1	98.5	98.3	100.0	72.3
Female	234.3	226.0	84.3	75.9	99.1	99.1	100.0	85.5
White	235.1	231.3	87.1	78.5	98.9	98.8	100.0	81.8
African American	217.3	210.1	76.2	71.6	98.4	98.1	100.0	69.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	239.6	243.6	89.8	83.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.5
Hispanic	222.1	218.9	80.3	76.2	98.5	98.5	100.0	75.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.2
With Disabilities	206.6	200.5	70.4	67.1	96.7	96.3	100.0	43.8
Limited English Proficient	217.1	214.9	78.1	74.3	100.0	99.2	100.0	68.8
Subsidized Meals	224.1	218.5	80.9	73.9	98.6	98.3	100.0	72.1
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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**Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)** 4/27/2015 2601056

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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