



Discovery School of Lancaster County

302 West Dunlap Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	107 Students	
Principal	Thomas H. McDuffie	803-285-8430
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Board Chair	Mr. Robert Parker	803-286-6972

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	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	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

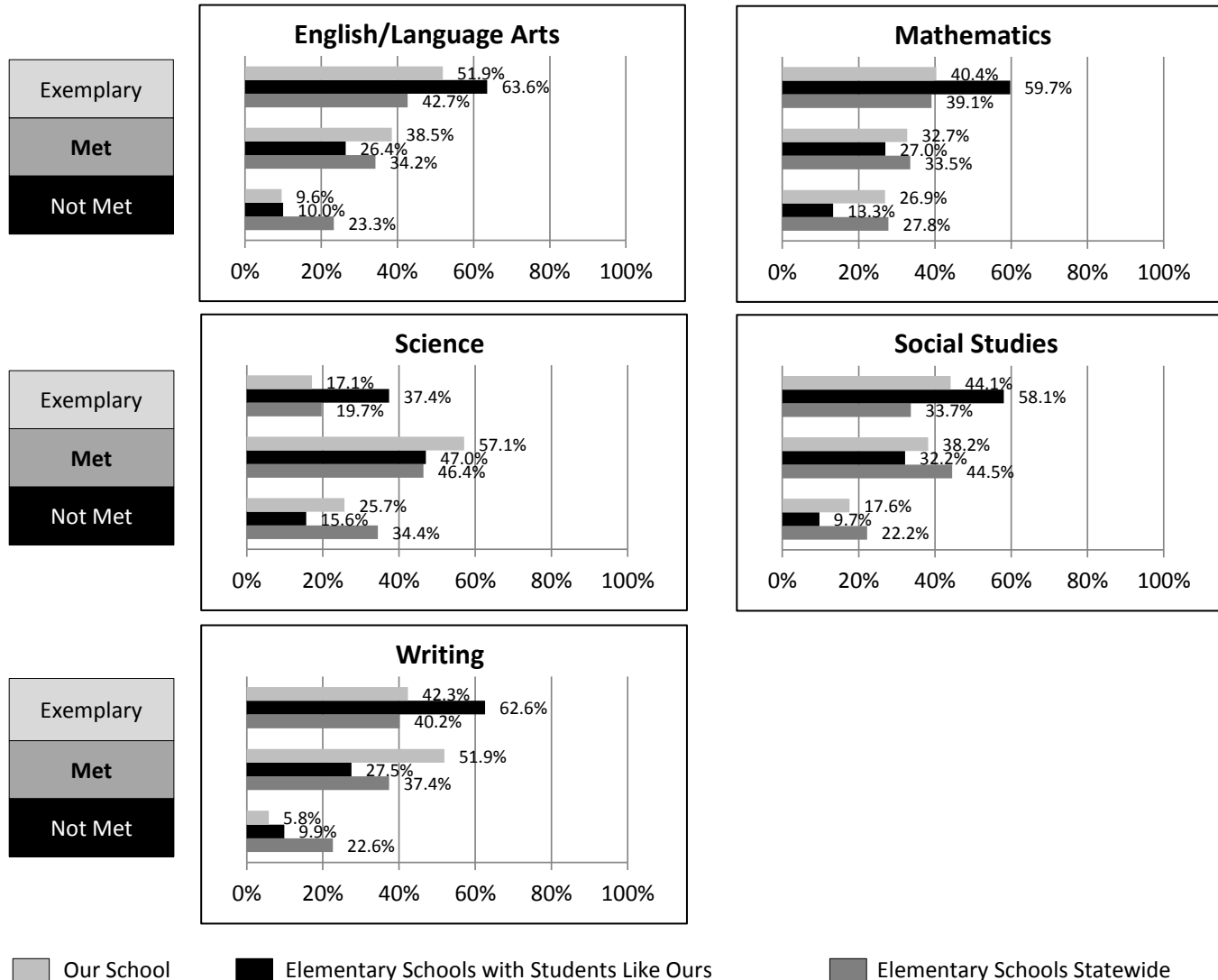
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
27	1	0	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 = 107)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	No change	0.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.1%	Down from 97.3%	97.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.9%	Up from 16.7%	16.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	13.2%	Up from 12.0%	9.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No change	1.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 14)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Up from 33.3%	61.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Up from 50.0%	86.1%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	61.1%	Up from 57.4%	88.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.7%	Up from 95.3%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$39,753	Up 5.1%	\$49,398	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	9.8 days	Down from 11.4 days	11.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.8 to 1	N/A	21.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 88.9%	91.2%	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	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,097	Down 8.1%	\$7,558	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 64.0%	67.2%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.4%	Up from 64.0%	66.2%	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

The mission of Discovery School of Lancaster County is to provide exceptional classroom instruction with engaging learning opportunities that are differentiated to meet the needs of all children through practical application of Multiple Intelligences Theory. This mission of excellence has remained our focus as we have maintained an Excellent or Good report card rating for nine consecutive years. Our school has also been recognized as a Palmetto Gold and Silver Award school on numerous occasions. Discovery School has also been recognized by the Center for Educational Reform as a National Charter School of the Year (2007). Through professional development opportunities, additional coursework and peer observations, our faculty continually strives to learn and grow to maximize the effectiveness of their instruction and to create the best possible learning environment. Our culture of learning, supported by high expectations for all, challenges our students to grow in character and self-discipline to achieve at their maximum potential. In addition to a rigorous curriculum, high expectations for student achievement, and relevant learning experiences, our students learn to be good citizens through participation in numerous community service projects. Students become "others minded" as they learn how we are all connected and how they can contribute their time and talents to make the world a better place. Our students learn to be good stewards of our resources by learning about and raising funds for St. Jude's Research Hospital, by participating in our Community Helpers Program, and through our recycling program. A variety of character building activities associated with last year's Power of One school-wide focus provided assistance to students in recognizing and becoming responsible citizens. The partnership between home, school, and the local community is strengthened through on-going communication, community service projects, an active Parent-Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council / Governing and Advisory Boards, and special family events at the school. Our parents and community assist us in ensuring that all students are appropriately provided for instructionally. Our mission of continually striving for excellence and our strong partnership between home and school, combined with challenging and enriching instruction fosters a positive, supportive learning environment for all students.☐

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Tom McDuffie, Site Manager (Leadership Team)☐

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Lynne Lingle, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	13	17	10
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.1%	100.0%

* 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	99
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)

Discovery School of Lancaster County 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	21	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.3	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	33.3%	0.0%	No
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	658.0	644.7	628.4	656.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	657.5	646.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	18	631.8	94.4	18	592.1	100.0
	4	18	653.2	100.0	18	655.1	100.0
	5	18	650.2	100.0	18	647.1	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	9	I/S	I/S	9	I/S	I/S
	4	18	632.2	100.0	18	676.1	100.0
	5	9	I/S	I/S	9	I/S	I/S
	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	18	671.9	100.0	18	653.4	100.0
	4	17	650.6	100.0	17	628.1	100.0
	5	17	650.5	100.0	17	652.1	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
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	9	I/S	100.0	9	I/S	100.0
	4	17	623.3	100.0	17	661.8	100.0
	5	9	I/S	100.0	8	I/S	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	2901611
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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	640.6	640.8	621.7	636.7	99.4	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	635.1	638.8	620.3	638.2	99.2	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	646.2	643.0	623.1	635.1	99.6	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	650.0	652.9	633.2	644.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	619.7	615.9	598.6	619.0	98.7	99.5	99.2	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	683.6	702.7	N/A	N/A	97.4	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	636.6	629.8	609.8	634.6	98.6	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	596.8	592.5	581.9	606.8	96.9	99.5	98.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.4	631.0	608.1	638.0	98.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.1	622.3	604.8	622.7	99.2	99.7	99.4	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	627.1	632.3	630.6	629.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	619.9	629.4	630.3	631.9	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Female	634.4	635.3	630.9	627.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	637.9	642.8	640.1	637.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	605.4	610.8	610.0	611.6	99.5	99.5	99.4	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	621.6	625.8	627.0	99.4	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	576.0	587.3	589.3	592.6	99.0	98.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.9	619.0	620.4	626.5	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	609.6	615.3	613.4	614.7	99.7	99.7	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	226.0	219.4	77.5	72.3	98.4	98.4	100.0	82.1
Male	222.1	218.7	77.8	73.3	97.9	97.9	100.0	78.1
Female	230.6	220.2	77.2	71.4	99.0	99.0	100.0	86.4
White	230.4	225.4	80.5	74.0	98.8	98.8	100.0	84.7
African American	215.5	204.9	71.1	68.7	97.6	97.6	100.0	77.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	226.6	220.2	76.6	70.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.3	192.8	66.0	65.6	92.6	92.6	100.0	47.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	75.0	67.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	61.9
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.3	72.8	68.7	97.9	97.9	100.0	73.0
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 2901611

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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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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