



Laurens Elementary

301 Henry Street
Laurens, SC 29360

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	691 Students	
Principal	Phillip Dean	864-984-3067
Superintendent	Dr. Billy R. Strickland	864-984-3568
Board Chair	Mrs. Susan Calhoun-Ware	864-682-5902

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Good
2013	Average	Good
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	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

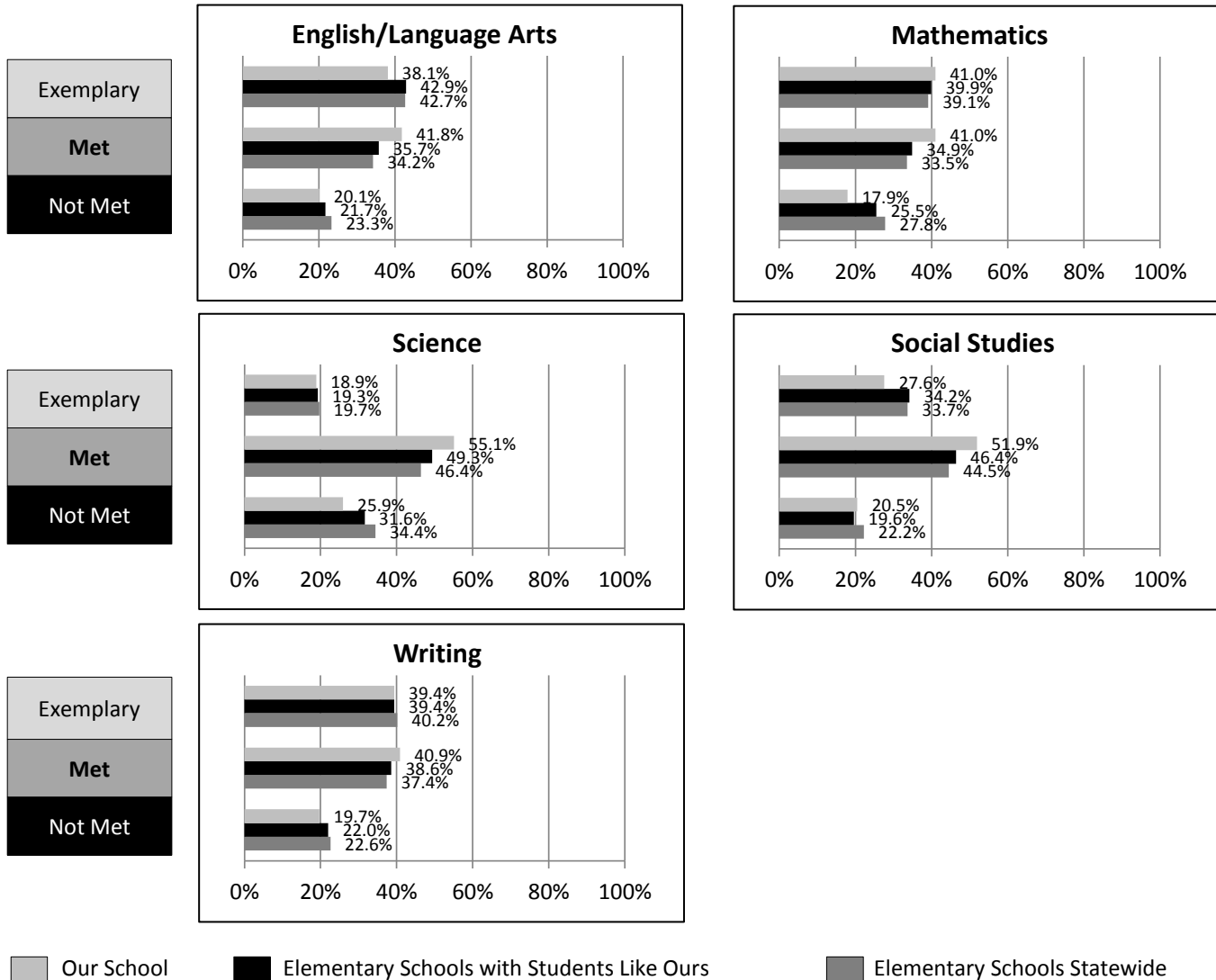
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 99.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
26	53	42	2	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

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 691)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	4.0%	Up from 2.7%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.5%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	6.3%	No change	7.5%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.7%	Up from 16.2%	13.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Down from 2.9%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.8%	Down from 56.8%	60.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.6%	Down from 81.1%	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.3%	Up from 89.1%	89.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,816	Down 2.6%	\$48,316	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	14.8 days	Up from 11.6 days	10.4 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.9 to 1	Up from 23.1 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	No change	90.4%	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**	\$7,774	Up 32.3%	\$7,390	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.3%	Down from 68.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.8%	Up from 66.0%	66.5%	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

Laurens Elementary School is a Title I school in Laurens School District 55. At Laurens Elementary our vision—Laurens Elementary will be a school of excellence and equity in educational practices for each learner—guides us as we seek to create a community of responsible and productive learners. We are excited this year to be the recipient of a Palmetto Silver Award which recognizes schools for high levels of performance. We believe that education is extremely important and requires the best efforts of students, parents, and teachers. To give parents a choice in the education of their children, we continue to offer both Montessori and single-age classes from 4K through 5th grade. We are fortunate to be able to offer an after-school enrichment program and a summer program. Increasing the amount and quality of instructional technology available to students and teachers has been a priority over the last two years. We have added Promethean boards in all classrooms and continue to attempt to use technology to enhance our instruction.

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We have used the book, *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey to teach character education principles to our students. Realizing the need for improvement in writing, our teachers studied the book, *6+1 Traits of Writing* by Ruth Culham. After studying this book and implementing the traits into classroom writing instruction, we experienced a large increase in our PASS writing scores.

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Teachers continue to have the support of two full-time instructional coaches and a district technology coach. Our teachers have also participated in STEM training, the Teaching American History grant, and many district-sponsored mini-courses. Also, several of our teachers and our principal continue to pursue literacy teacher certification through participation in the USC Language and Literacy program.

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Our goal is to be a school where all students achieve at high levels and where all people are treated with respect. We invite all parents and community members to join us as we continue to strive for excellence.

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Phillip Dean, Principal

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Kim Shelton, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	82	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.4%	87.8%	92.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.0%	87.6%	88.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.5%	89.1%	78.8%

* 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	89.3
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)

Laurens Elementary has been designated as a:

X	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
X	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	N/A	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.4%	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	636.0	647.0	631.2	635.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	634.3	650.6	636.7	638.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	637.8	643.1	625.3	632.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	647.4	657.2	645.8	645.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	622.6	637.6	615.1	624.2	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	607.3	610.5	609.3	623.3	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	626.3	637.3	624.5	627.3	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	91	625.7	100.0	91	599.5	100.0
4	94	632.4	100.0	94	657.0	100.0	
5	93	635.7	100.0	93	635.7	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	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	45	593.3	100.0	46	613.2	100.0	
4	94	636.6	100.0	94	653.2	100.0	
5	46	624.7	100.0	47	624.0	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	85	642.3	100.0	85	631.6	100.0
4	100	627.8	100.0	100	644.7	100.0	
5	93	639.0	100.0	93	663.1	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	43	617.7	100.0	41	636.5	97.6	
4	100	631.0	100.0	100	636.7	100.0	
5	46	643.9	100.0	47	632.2	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 3055011

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	635.1	634.7	618.9	633.6	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	629.4	634.6	622.9	633.7	99.5	99.7	99.5	N/A
Female	641.1	634.8	614.9	633.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	645.5	644.5	630.9	642.4	100.0	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	618.6	618.5	602.1	619.2	99.5	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	618.8	623.8	603.5	619.8	99.2	99.2	98.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	604.7	600.4	593.8	613.7	98.7	99.1	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	613.2	619.8	598.0	611.2	98.1	99.1	98.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	626.9	625.4	612.5	626.6	99.6	99.8	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
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	619.9	622.2	626.6	629.3	99.4	99.4	99.3	N/A
Male	614.9	620.2	630.3	632.6	99.1	99.1	99.3	N/A
Female	625.5	624.4	622.4	625.3	99.7	99.7	99.2	N/A
White	631.5	630.1	640.3	638.5	99.1	99.2	99.2	N/A
African American	602.8	607.1	605.7	614.3	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	598.3	616.6	603.6	620.0	100.0	99.1	98.6	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	581.5	584.5	585.5	596.0	98.4	98.9	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	596.3	615.8	603.7	619.7	100.0	99.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	609.7	613.9	616.7	622.4	99.5	99.5	99.5	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	224.9	218.6	78.3	75.1	98.4	98.2	100.0	79.7
Male	221.4	217.9	77.2	75.8	97.8	97.4	100.0	77.7
Female	228.7	219.4	79.4	74.5	99.1	99.1	100.0	82.0
White	229.0	223.1	81.4	76.8	97.2	97.2	100.0	81.4
African American	220.0	211.5	73.0	72.4	100.0	99.4	100.0	77.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	217.0	213.8	74.5	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.2	193.7	66.7	N/A	92.7	90.9	100.0	37.5
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.4
Subsidized Meals	221.2	215.0	76.2	73.5	97.9	97.6	100.0	75.9
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 3055011

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.



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	0

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