

River Springs Elementary

115 Connie Wright Road
Irmo, SC 29063

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	617 Students	
Principal	Melanie Cohen	803-476-4400
Superintendent	Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.	803-476-8000
Board Chair	Beth Watson	803-261-7123

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	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

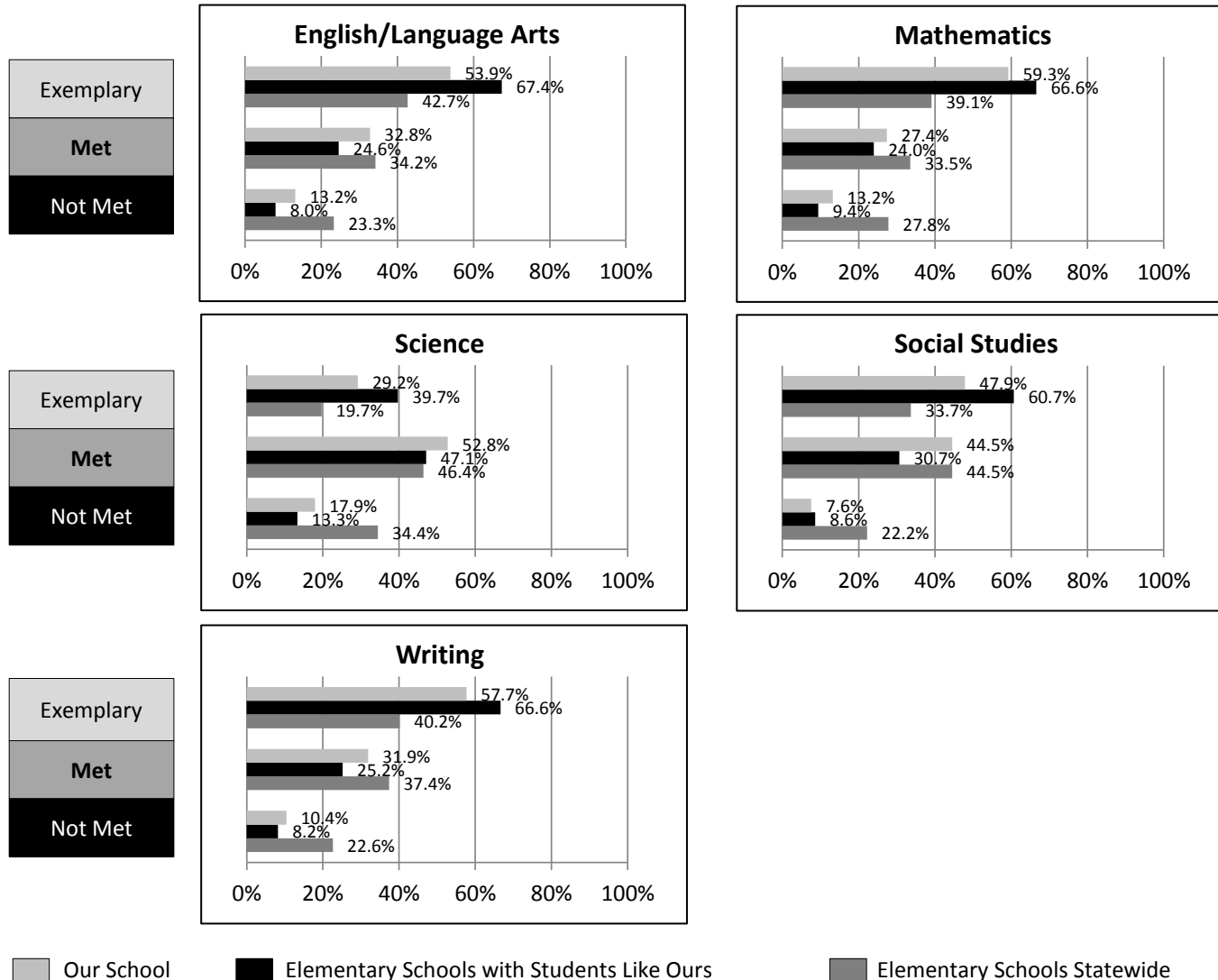
95.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
13	0	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

N/A-Not Applicable

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 617)				
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	97.0%	Down from 97.1%	97.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.7%	Down from 17.8%	19.1%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.7%	Up from 10.6%	11.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	No change	0.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.3%	Up from 68.9%	64.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	93.6%	Down from 97.8%	85.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	97.0%	Up from 94.1%	91.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.1%	96.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$54,684	Up 6.4%	\$50,140	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	8.5 days	Down from 9.6 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	Down from 20.3 to 1	21.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 91.2%	91.9%	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**	\$8,373	Up 3.4%	\$7,579	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.9%	Up from 67.0%	68.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.0%	Up from 66.0%	67.9%	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 2013-2014 school year at River Springs Elementary School proved to be another outstanding year of learning and growing for our staff and students. While the focus of the school has always been “working together to build the future,” this was truly the case this year as we joined together as a faculty to learn more about the area of writing. ☐

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In the spring of 2013, the faculty came together to determine that the focus of the 2013-2014 school year would be on the writing process for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The staff chose a specific curriculum that would allow the teachers to grow as professionals as well as hold the students to high expectations with regard to academic writing. Each month, the faculty came together for professional study around a specific genre of writing. Teachers studied how to teach students specific elements of writing such as elaboration and craft, while weaving writing into all academic areas. Through intentional planning of writing lessons combined with authentic writing practice and assessment, our students have improved in writing in all content areas. Our students have practiced writing in many forms this year, and we are excited to see how their growth in writing continues to flourish in the years to come. ☐

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This year also brought the third year of our PTO's focus on health and wellness for our students. In the past three years, our PTO has donated in excess of \$100,000 to improve our playground facilities and has started a school running club. Both of these have made a tremendous impact on our students, and we look forward to seeing the impact this will have on our students in the future. Next year, we look forward to our PTO's continued support in the area of technology.

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As we look forward to next year, our staff is committed to the continued growth of all students. We will continue to support our students in need of academic support through structured intervention programs. High-achieving students will receive support in the form of content-specific classes to ensure their continued growth. As a school, we will continue the study of writing while we will also refine our instruction through the study of strategies in professional development throughout the school year. ☐

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As we celebrate the many accomplishments of this school year, we know that many challenges lie ahead. With a staff committed to continuous improvement and innovative instructional practices, we are poised and ready to meet these challenges. As a school community, we look forward to what next year brings as we continue to serve the children of River Springs Elementary School. ☐

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Principal: Melanie Cohen ☐

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SIC Chairman: Michael Schlenk

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	41	116	85
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.6%	91.4%	90.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.2%	95.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.3%	71.0%

* 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	89.1
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)

River Springs Elementary 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		4	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		N/A	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.0%	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	655.6	669.1	642.3	664.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	645.0	666.6	645.1	667.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	664.5	671.3	640.1	661.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	661.9	676.9	649.2	669.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	632.9	638.6	620.1	643.4	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	599.1	614.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.0	631.0	616.3	639.0	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	103	663.5	100.0	103	631.6	100.0
	4	115	653.9	100.0	115	662.4	100.0
	5	119	659.2	100.0	119	657.1	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	52	636.7	100.0	51	650.6	100.0
	4	115	641.7	100.0	115	678.3	100.0
	5	60	638.6	100.0	59	673.5	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	99	665.6	100.0	99	666.2	100.0
	4	109	649.8	100.0	109	673.0	100.0
	5	119	652.5	100.0	119	668.0	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	50	640.1	100.0	49	657.0	100.0
	4	109	640.6	100.0	109	667.8	100.0
	5	60	647.5	100.0	59	664.5	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	3205053
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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	657.5	668.3	642.5	667.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	651.2	668.2	643.7	670.9	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	663.8	668.4	641.4	663.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	668.7	681.6	656.9	678.4	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	631.3	636.5	609.1	639.3	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.2	707.1	663.2	687.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	648.8	651.8	631.0	657.7	100.0	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	603.6	607.5	594.2	620.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	647.8	675.3	635.3	664.6	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	631.1	637.6	613.6	639.6	99.8	100.0	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	647.8	660.1	665.5	669.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	640.5	658.4	665.4	672.6	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	655.0	661.8	665.6	665.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	661.8	673.9	679.9	683.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	616.0	626.1	630.8	637.6	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.6	717.3	700.7	710.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	645.1	658.0	665.0	664.6	100.0	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	575.8	588.5	594.4	606.6	99.8	100.0	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	645.0	672.0	667.0	683.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.8	627.1	634.7	637.6	99.9	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	236.3	233.4	86.7	77.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	86.9
Male	232.4	234.0	86.9	78.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	84.9
Female	239.9	232.8	86.5	77.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	88.9
White	242.7	242.1	91.1	80.4	99.8	99.8	100.0	91.4
African American	221.9	214.1	77.5	72.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	78.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	247.6	249.6	91.7	76.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.6
Hispanic	233.2	228.5	81.5	76.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.7
With Disabilities	206.5	201.3	72.1	66.1	99.2	99.2	100.0	54.9
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.1
Subsidized Meals	221.1	213.7	77.7	71.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	72.4
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	3205053
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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)



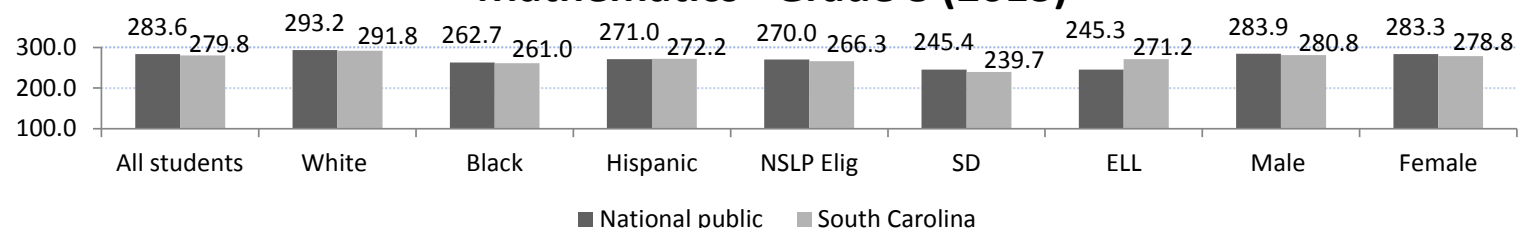
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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