



James M. Brown Elementary School

225 Coffee Road
Walhalla, SC 29691

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	652 Students	
Principal	Ashley S. Robertson	864-886-4470
Superintendent	Dr. Mike Lucas	864-886-4500
Board Chair	Andy Inabinet	864-882-0106

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Good
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
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.

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

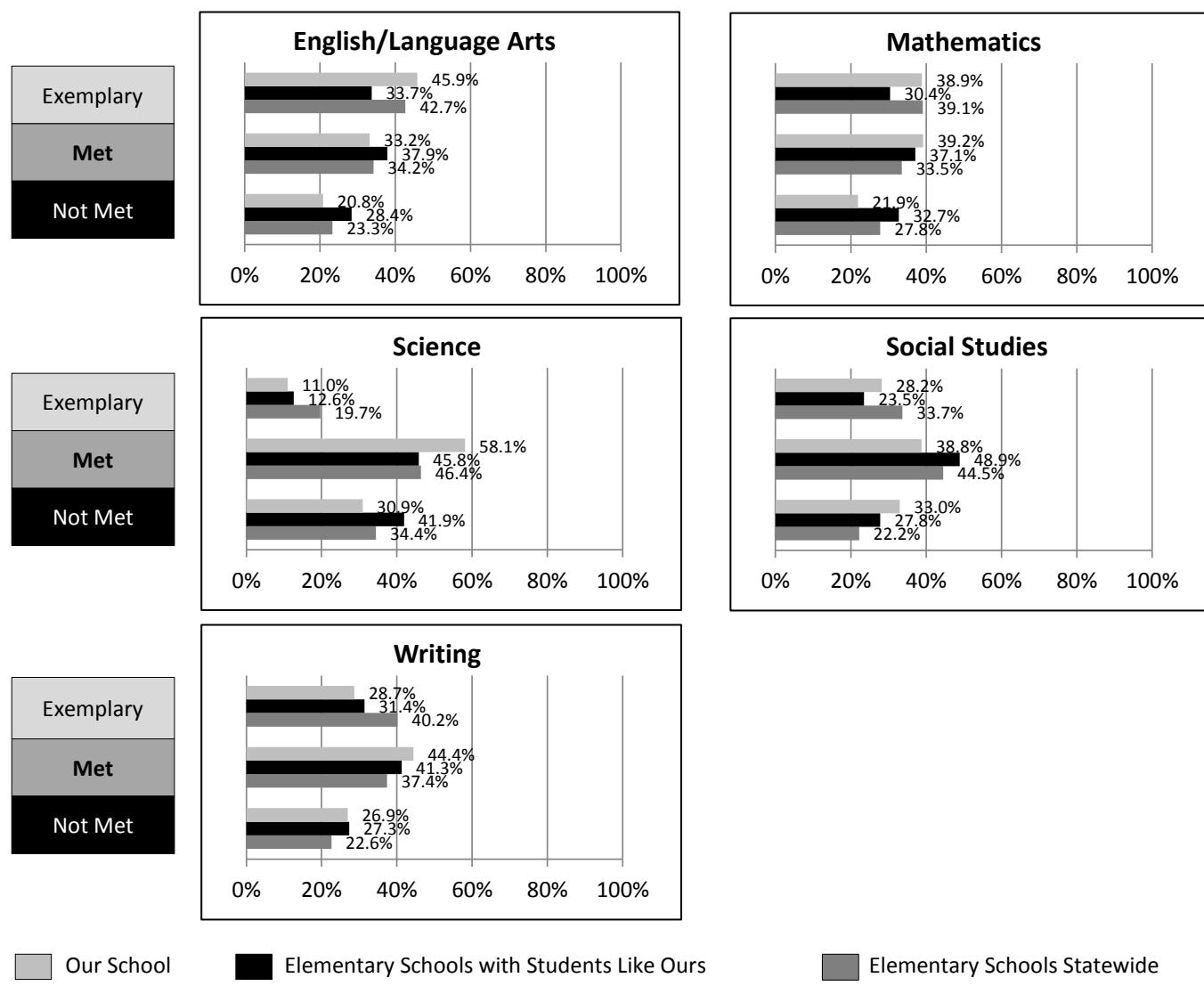
97.4%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	14	114	9	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.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 652)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.3%	Down from 96.2%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	6.4%	Down from 7.7%	4.8%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.8%	Down from 16.5%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.0%	Down from 1.2%	2.4%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 61.8%	60.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	92.9%	Down from 98.2%	80.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.6%	Up from 95.5%	87.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.3%	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,343	Up 1.8%	\$47,111	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.2 days	Up from 7.1 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.5 to 1	Up from 17.4 to 1	19.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Down from 89.6%	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	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,386	Down 0.6%	\$7,989	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.8%	Down from 68.0%	65.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.5%	Up from 65.0%	64.9%	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

James M. Brown Elementary School is a Title 1 school nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Oconee County and serves 675 students in PreK through 5th grade. The mission of James M. Brown Elementary School is to develop lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible, and honest citizens by providing meaningful educational experiences for all students. This mission was evident throughout the 2013-2014 school year as we strived for excellence each and every day. ☐

We began the 2013-2014 school year with the following curricular goals at the forefront of our instructional program: literacy in all classrooms and content areas, using data to drive instruction, implementing technology, implementing the Common Core State Standards, and focusing on our interventions and enrichment program. Coupled together, these goals drive our curriculum, instruction, and assessment in order to maximize student achievement. ☐

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and School Improvement Council (SIC)/Title I Committee continue to be active participants in JMB's successes. PTO sponsored several school events such as a literacy pumpkin contest, Donuts for Dads, Trunk-a-Treat, and Muffins for Moms. Our SIC/Title I Committee was actively involved with the creation of the Title I plan by making recommendations and suggestions for continued school improvement. ☐

The James M. Brown Elementary family of students, faculty, staff, parents, and community celebrated an exceptional 2013-2014 school year. We began the school year celebrating our school being identified as a Reward Schools of Performance which is a top performing Title 1 school. The school was also honored to be named a Palmetto Silver Award school for Closing the Achievement Gap. These two awards are possible due to the dedication and commitment of our students, teachers, families, and our community. James M. Brown Elementary also had a student to win the PalmettoPride state art contest, a student to win the district and Southeast region for Future Chef, a student won a writing contest and received a fishing experience with pro anglers, our team of students placed first in the district's annual Battle of the Books contest, and a student finished in the top ten in the district's annual Math Madness event. We truly had a fantastic year!

James M. Brown Elementary School has exceptional students, faculty, staff, families, and community members who strive to provide the best educational experience for our students, and because of this, our JMB GEMS shine brightly. ☐

Ashley S. Robertson, Principal ☐
Rebecca Chmelar, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	60	91	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.7%	94.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.1%	86.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.7%	97.8%	78.0%

* 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	86.3
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 state's expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

James M. Brown 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

	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	N/A	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.3%	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	641.2	642.4	615.7	629.1	99.7	99.7	99.5
Male	637.6	643.7	617.7	633.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	644.9	641.0	613.6	624.5	99.3	99.3	99.0
White	647.7	647.0	622.1	635.1	99.5	99.5	99.3
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	629.1	631.8	600.9	618.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	591.4	600.3	583.5	599.1	98.1	98.1	100.0
Limited English Proficient	624.7	632.0	598.1	618.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	634.9	635.4	608.8	620.4	99.6	99.6	99.3
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

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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	97	640.7	100.0	97	603.8	100.0
	4	99	628.4	100.0	99	633.1	100.0
	5	89	643.4	100.0	89	636.8	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	49	596.6	100.0	48	621.5	100.0
	4	99	614.0	100.0	99	630.7	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	101	649.3	100.0	101	640.2	100.0
	4	101	641.2	100.0	101	639.7	100.0
	5	96	632.7	100.0	96	647.5	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
	SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History			
	N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested	
	3	50	612.6	98.0	49	632.5	98.0
	4	101	618.6	100.0	101	635.5	100.0

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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	3701016
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	647.4	647.8	624.2	640.4	99.7	99.7	99.4	N/A
Male	643.1	647.8	626.5	642.6	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	651.6	647.9	622.0	638.3	99.5	99.4	99.0	N/A
White	653.1	653.0	630.9	644.5	99.7	99.6	99.4	N/A
African American	623.6	623.3	597.6	621.4	100.0	100.0	99.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.9	660.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	627.3	631.1	602.7	625.5	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	600.9	599.0	589.7	609.0	99.8	99.6	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.1	631.0	603.2	624.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.7	631.9	611.2	627.1	99.7	99.7	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	628.7	638.9	631.6	626.7	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Male	622.5	639.0	633.0	631.1	99.8	99.7	99.4	N/A
Female	635.2	638.7	630.1	622.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	634.9	643.6	638.0	630.4	99.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
African American	599.4	609.7	599.3	607.2	100.0	100.0	99.5	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	605.0	628.1	614.5	610.9	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	575.1	585.6	581.1	585.5	99.5	99.3	98.9	N/A
Limited English Proficient	598.6	622.9	606.2	608.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.0	621.9	615.4	610.5	99.8	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
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.1	225.3	81.2	74.4	98.9	99.0	100.0	82.1
Male	225.2	225.2	80.5	74.8	99.2	99.2	100.0	79.1
Female	233.6	225.5	81.9	74.0	98.5	98.8	100.0	85.2
White	230.6	227.1	82.3	75.3	98.8	98.9	100.0	81.4
African American	224.3	214.7	74.6	69.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	221.1	224.0	78.4	72.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.2	198.5	70.3	66.5	98.1	98.1	100.0	48.7
Limited English Proficient	213.8	216.1	75.7	70.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.7
Subsidized Meals	223.5	218.2	77.0	70.6	98.1	98.4	100.0	70.9
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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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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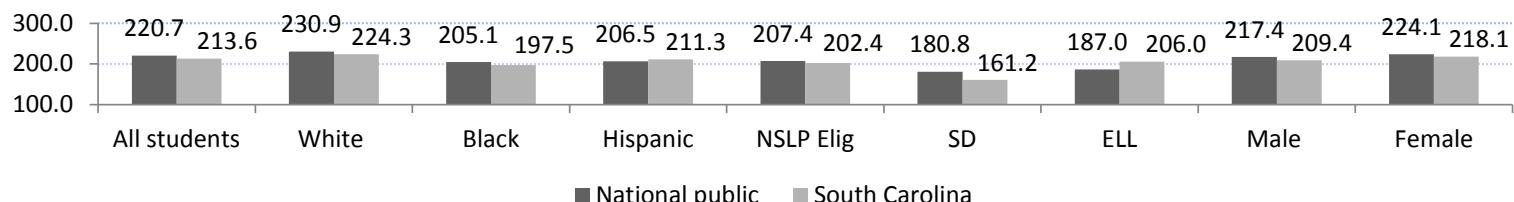
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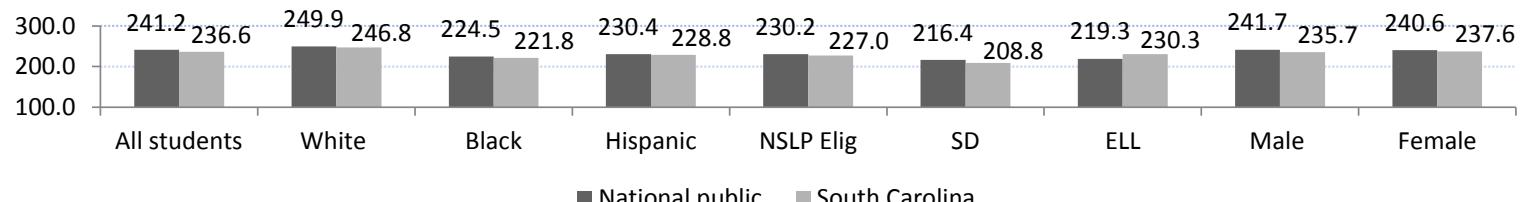
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

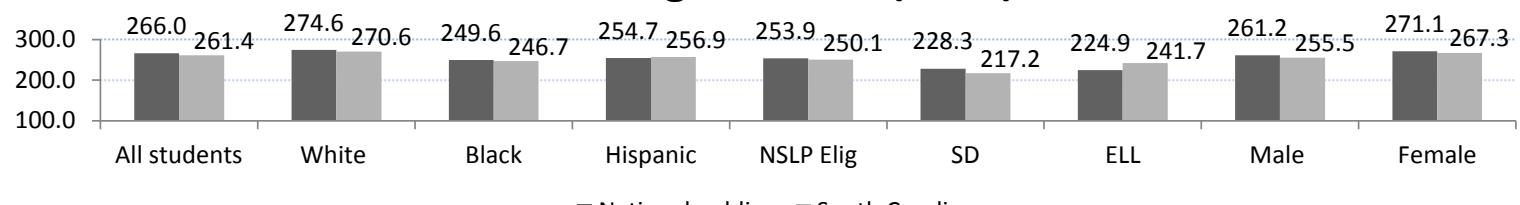
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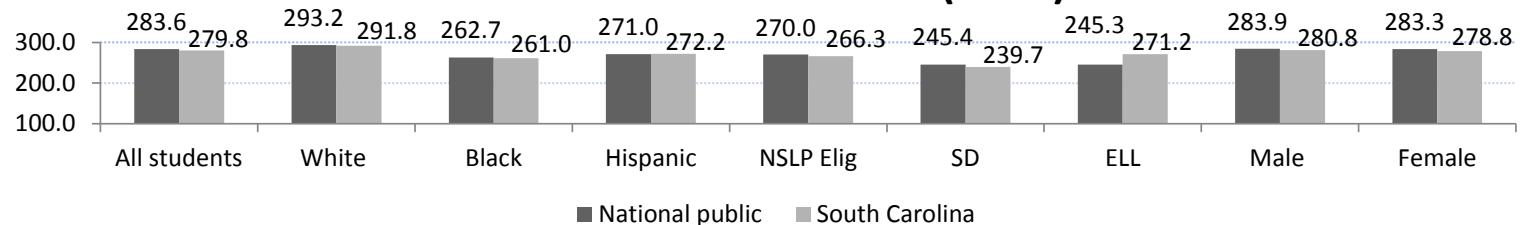
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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