

Walhalla Elementary School

508 Fowler Road
West Union, SC 29696

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School
Enrollment	554 Students
Principal	Shanon H. Lusk
Superintendent	Dr. Mike Lucas
Board Chair	Andy Inabinet

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.

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

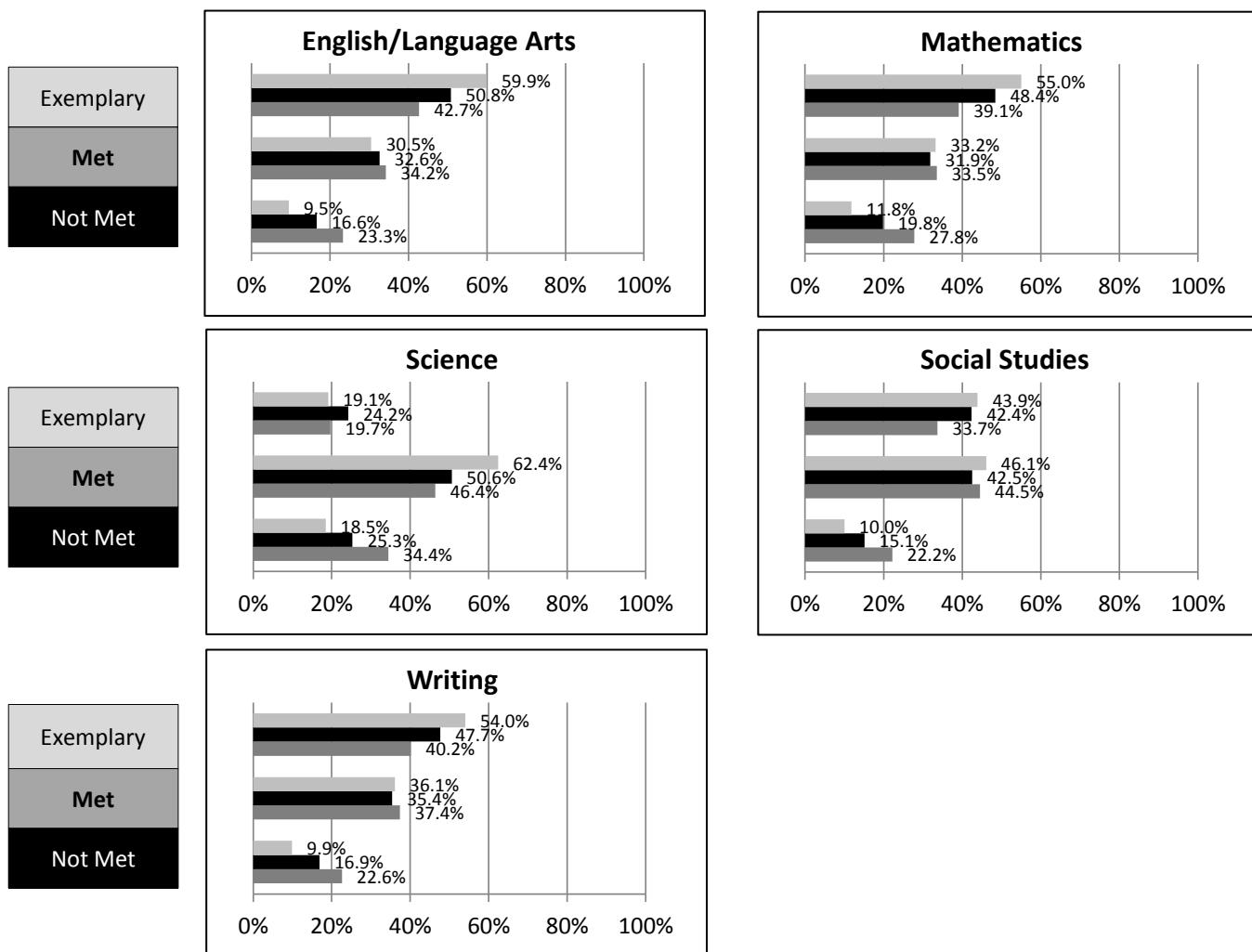
100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
54	33	9	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



Our School

Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours

Elementary Schools Statewide

* 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 = 554)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.1%	Up from 0.9%	0.8%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.7%	Down from 96.8%	96.6%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.7%	Down from 14.8%	9.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.3%	Up from 11.7%	11.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	1.4%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.1%	Up from 67.5%	64.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	89.5%	Down from 92.5%	85.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Down from 92.5%	90.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 95.7%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,708	Up 0.5%	\$50,245	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Up from 5.1 days	12.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Up from 20.9 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 91.8%	91.1%	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	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,352	Up 5.6%	\$7,405	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.9%	Down from 70.0%	68.4%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.5%	Up from 67.0%	67.3%	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

Walhalla Elementary School is a K-5th grade school that serves 545 students. The mission of Walhalla Elementary School, in cooperation with the home and community, is to develop confident, responsible, productive lifelong learners, by providing a comprehensive educational experience in a positive environment. We are very excited about the accomplishments of our students and staff during the 2013 - 2014 school year and we continue to look for ways to improve. Our school received an Excellent Absolute Rating on our 2013 School Report Card. Our school received a Good Growth Rating on our 2013 Report Card. We also received the SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold Award for our overall test scores.

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Through the continued analysis of our state testing results, our classroom assessment information and Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) data, we are able to reflect upon our instructional strategies, assessments and programs. This analysis, along with our MAP scores consistently meeting and exceeding the district, state and national averages, helps ensure that we are individualizing instruction as much as possible for our students.②

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Our students have opportunities above and beyond the regular school day. Our math and English/Language Arts (ELA) labs are open before and after school. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can also participate in various after school activities such as, Art Squad, Science Club, Chess Club, Running Club, Math Madness, Battle of the Books, School Performances, and Chorus. Our students in grades 1 and 2 can also participate in an after school running club. All of our students have the opportunity to participate in walking club before the school day begins. Our Parent, Teacher, Student Team (PTST) and our School Improvement Council (SIC) continue to play important parts in our success. The PTST sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner, a Spring Carnival and our Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Our SIC sponsored our Seasons Readings Night, Math and Science Night and our 10th annual Family Fun Run to promote physical fitness. Chick-fil-a of Seneca is our business partner for character education and monthly spirit nights. Zaxby's of Seneca, Subway of Walhalla, and Puerto Nuevo also support our school through monthly spirit nights. In addition, many other local businesses support our school throughout the year.②

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Walhalla Elementary students, staff and families continue to have opportunities to participate in service projects. Our Relay for Life team raised money for the American Cancer Society. Our school sponsored a child for the Make a Wish Foundation and participated in a canned food drive for a local food bank.②

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As you can see, Walhalla Elementary School has numerous accomplishments to be proud of. These accomplishments are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, students and families. We will continue to work together to ensure that Walhalla Elementary School is a place Where Everyone is a Star.②

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Shanon H. Lusk, Principal

Jeff McCall, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	72	42
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.2%	87.5%	97.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.5%	97.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.5%	88.1%

* 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	99.5
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 state's expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Walhalla Elementary School 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.
X	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	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	96.7%	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	661.1	666.4	635.5	655.4	100.0	99.6	99.5
Male	656.9	664.4	634.2	656.2	100.0	99.3	100.0
Female	665.8	668.7	636.8	654.5	100.0	100.0	98.9
White	668.1	673.3	642.0	660.2	100.0	99.6	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	N/A	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	96.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	642.0	644.2	623.1	642.7	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

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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	99	659.1	100.0	99	635.0	100.0
	4	87	651.2	100.0	87	657.4	100.0
	5	94	670.2	100.0	94	665.1	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	50	623.3	100.0	49	646.4	100.0
	4	87	630.0	100.0	87	666.5	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	89	670.1	100.0	89	661.6	100.0
	4	99	656.4	99.0	98	665.3	98.0
	5	82	657.0	100.0	82	672.7	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	44	636.3	100.0	45	663.2	100.0
	4	99	636.0	99.0	99	659.3	99.0

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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	3701022
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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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
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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
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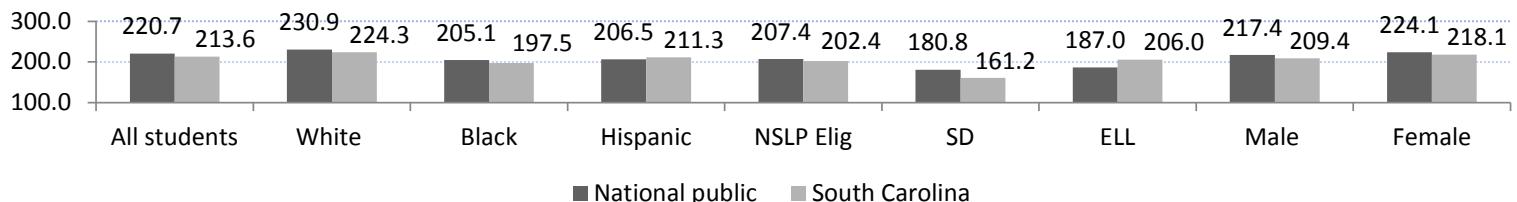
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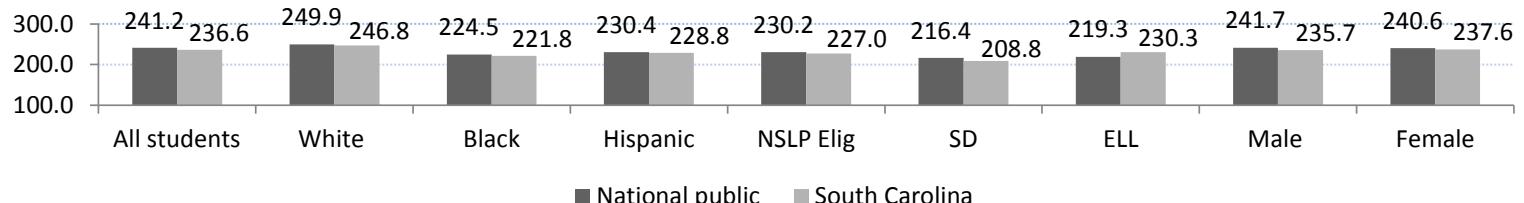
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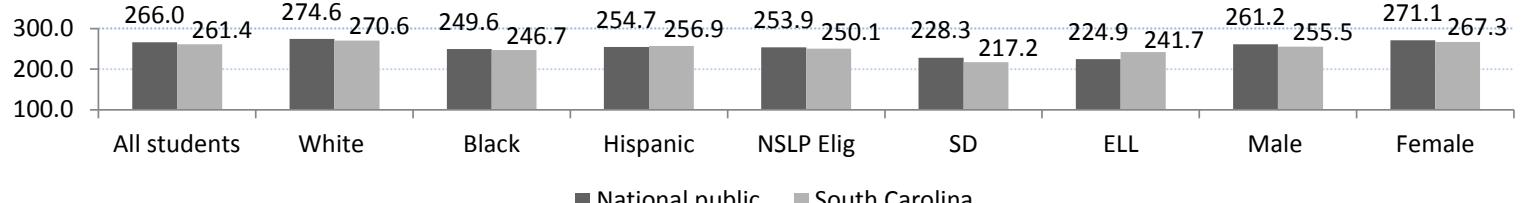
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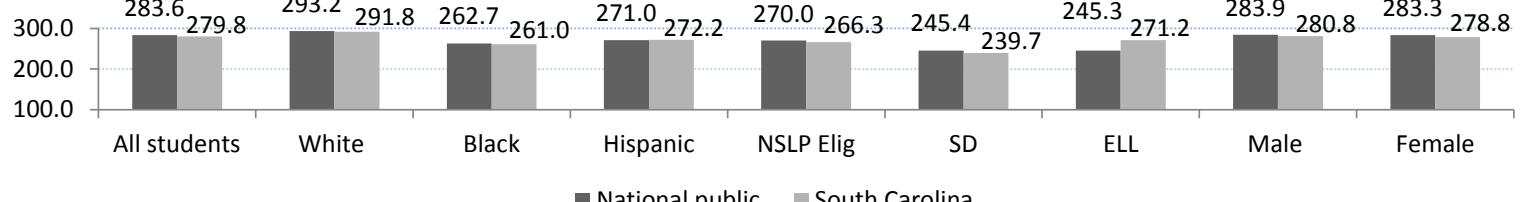
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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