Wellford Academy of Science and Technology

864 Syphrit Road
Wellford, SC 29385

Grades	PK-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	430 Students	
Principal	Angie Showalter	864-949-2385
Superintendent	Dr. Scott Turner	864-949-2350
Board Chair	Mr. Garry Harper	864-949-2350

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	**Good**	**At-Risk**
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Average
2010	Good	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

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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

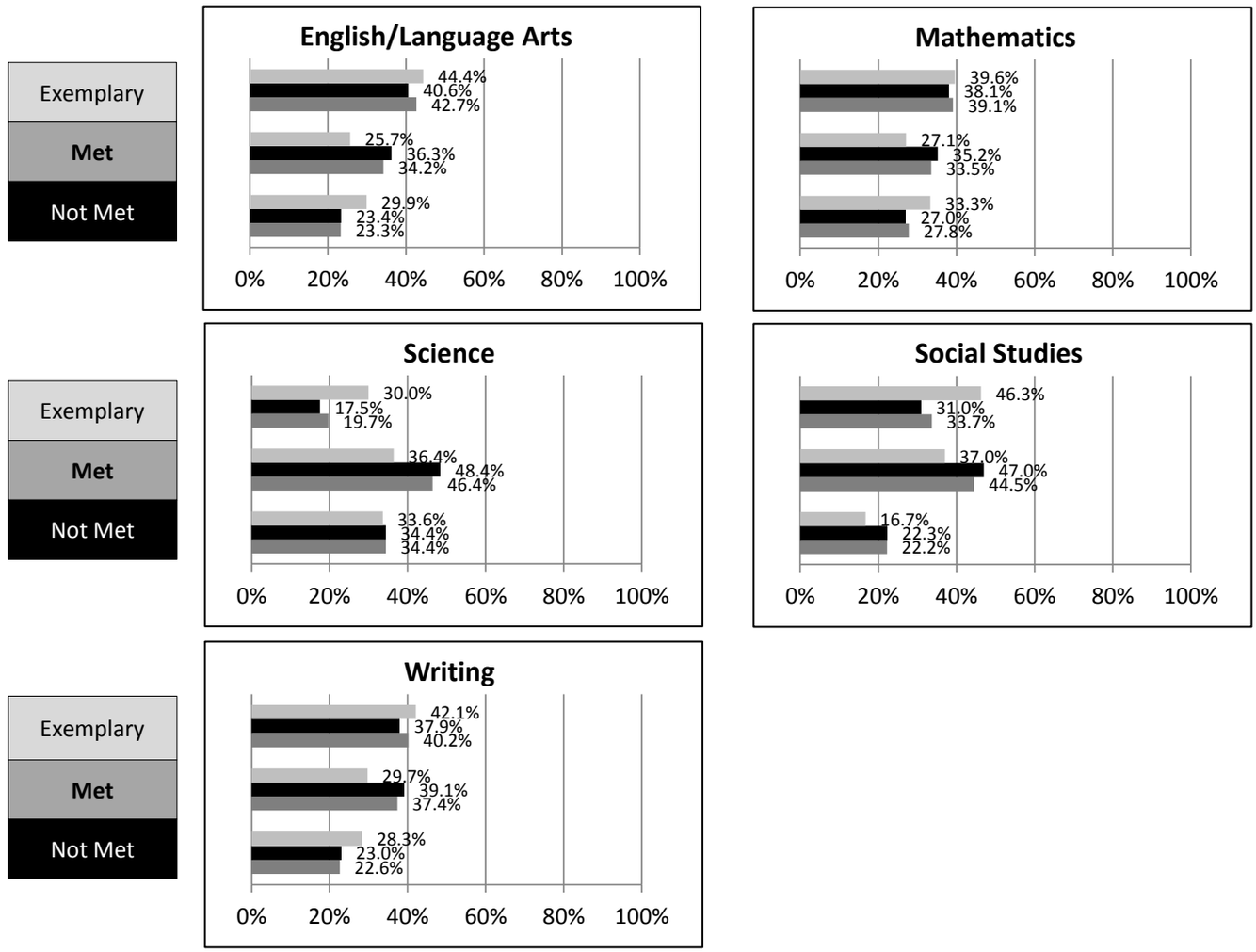
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located	97.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
25	43	63	4	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

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 430)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.3%	No change	96.3%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.6%	Up from 2.7%	7.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	15.7%	Up from 10.1%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.0%	Up from 0.7%	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 = 36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	83.3%	Down from 86.1%	59.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.1%	Up from 72.2%	83.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Up from 90.7%	89.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.6%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$50,270	Down 0.3%	$48,411	$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	10.0 days	Up from 9.9 days	10.3 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.2 to 1	Down from 16.9 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 91.6%	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	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,552	Up 3.9%	$7,678	$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.0%	Down from 75.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.3%	Up from 73.0%	65.1%	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

keep improved student achievement in all areas as our top priority. Students were taught reading and math strategies through large and small group instruction designed to help each child reach individual goals, and students received lessons in the Science lab each week in addition to classroom instruction. Furthermore, in our fifth year of implementing a German Language program, students in first through fourth grade were able to learn another language through weekly lessons in the German classroom.

This year we continued our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. In cooperation with parents, students and the community, Wellford Academy remained dedicated to taking a stand against bullying. Students participated in weekly class meetings aimed at informing students about bullying and how to be an advocate for those being bullied while learning not to bully themselves.

Once again, we were awarded the state's Palmetto Gold Award for academic achievement. This award is the state's most prestigious award to schools that had outstanding scores and exceptional growth on the Palmetto Achievement of State Standards (P.A.S.S.) test. We were also thrilled to be honored at the state's Title One conference by being awarded one of the top three schools for academic achievement in the entire state.

At Wellford Academy, we all are part of a community of learners. We work in cooperation with area universities to train prospective teachers. Our faculty members also participate in many worthwhile professional development activities, such as the pursuit of advanced degrees, technology training, group and faculty book studies, web seminars, and peer sharing/observations.

The mission of Wellford Academy of Science and Technology is to promote the academic, social, and emotional growth of all children by providing quality educational opportunities in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. The programs and activities we offer, such as Response to Intervention (RTI), clubs, fine arts activities, character education lessons, family nights, universal free breakfast, as well as numerous academic activities, help us to put that mission into action.

The community plays a vital role in helping Wellford Academy of Science and Technology to educate our children. We are fortunate to have many involved parents, an active parent/teacher organization (PTO) and a dedicated school improvement council (SIC). Our faculty is proud of our accomplishments, and we thank all of our stakeholders for making this the most wonderful place to learn!

Angie Showalter, Principal Jennifer Brown, SIC Committee Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	63	41
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	93.7%	90.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	90.5%	92.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.9%	87.1%	75.0%

* 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	**78**
Overall Grade Conversion	**C**

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	Peformance 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)

Wellford Academy of Science and Technology 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.
X	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	0.5	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	96.3%	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	637.0	631.3	631.3	654.8	99.4	100.0	99.1
Male	631.2	629.3	635.7	653.9	100.0	100.0	98.5
Female	644.7	634.0	625.3	656.3	98.5	100.0	100.0
White	641.3	638.8	652.0	660.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	630.0	618.6	597.1	643.8	97.8	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	566.0	565.8	N/A	N/A	97.5	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	628.2	624.3	618.3	652.0	99.1	100.0	98.9
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	69	661.5	100.0	69	644.3	100.0
4	53	637.3	100.0	53	649.6	100.0
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
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	35	650.8	100.0	34	663.4	100.0
4	53	642.6	100.0	53	652.3	100.0
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
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	74	634.7	98.7	75	624.3	100.0
4	79	639.1	100.0	79	638.7	100.0
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	37	612.7	97.4	37	639.7	100.0
4	79	640.8	100.0	79	661.8	100.0
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	4205052
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	647.0	650.4	632.8	649.8	99.7	99.7	99.3	N/A
Male	641.3	649.2	633.8	649.1	99.7	99.6	99.0	N/A
Female	652.9	651.7	631.8	650.5	99.8	99.9	99.6	N/A
White	655.3	659.4	641.2	657.4	99.7	99.6	99.1	N/A
African American	626.4	625.0	608.0	628.7	99.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	656.1	666.9	638.2	656.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	624.5	631.9	619.9	634.2	100.0	100.0	98.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	592.5	589.5	586.2	604.6	99.2	99.6	97.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.3	636.2	615.4	636.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.6	633.9	618.9	636.0	99.7	99.7	98.9	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	634.9	643.2	639.2	641.4	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Male	627.5	641.3	640.6	643.9	99.6	99.7	99.7	N/A
Female	642.6	645.2	637.8	638.8	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
White	642.8	650.6	646.8	647.3	99.6	99.7	99.5	N/A
African American	611.4	621.0	615.7	623.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	644.6	664.6	658.8	664.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	619.1	623.9	620.6	622.8	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	578.1	585.7	584.6	592.8	99.5	99.5	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.3	633.6	629.4	627.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	620.6	629.0	626.5	627.2	99.7	99.7	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	231.9	226.6	85.5	76.8	98.6	98.4	100.0	84.2
Male	227.7	225.9	85.1	78.0	97.4	97.4	100.0	80.6
Female	236.7	227.5	86.0	75.3	100.0	99.6	100.0	88.0
White	236.0	231.5	87.4	78.7	98.6	98.4	100.0	85.1
African American	221.1	213.4	80.6	71.7	98.5	97.7	100.0	83.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0
Hispanic	222.5	213.1	79.5	75.2	97.9	100.0	100.0	74.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.8	191.8	68.2	65.7	98.4	98.4	100.0	52.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	76.1	75.6	96.7	100.0	100.0	75.8
Subsidized Meals	225.4	217.3	81.8	72.8	98.1	97.7	100.0	77.0
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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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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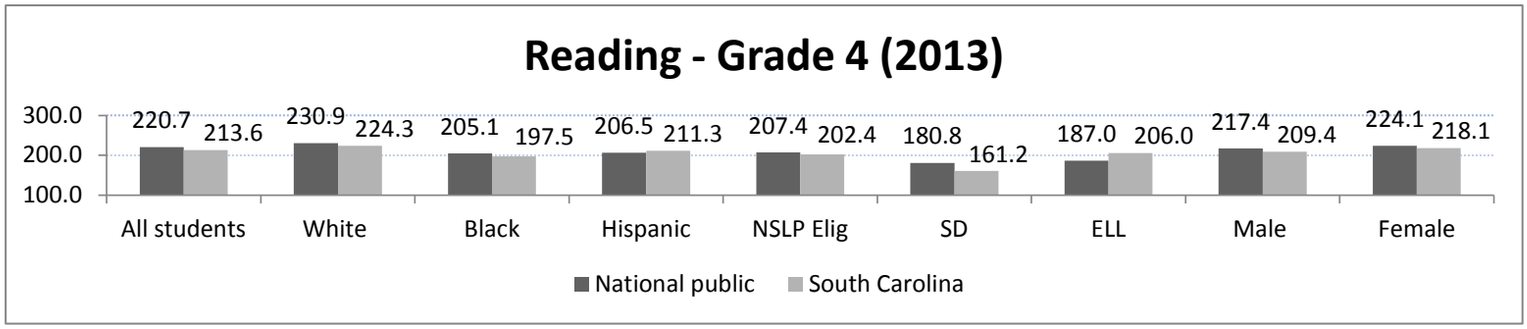
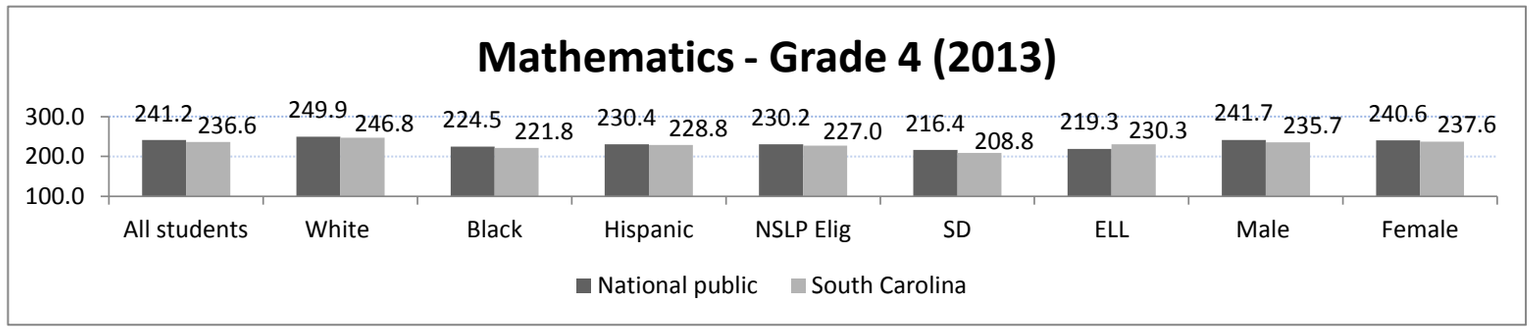
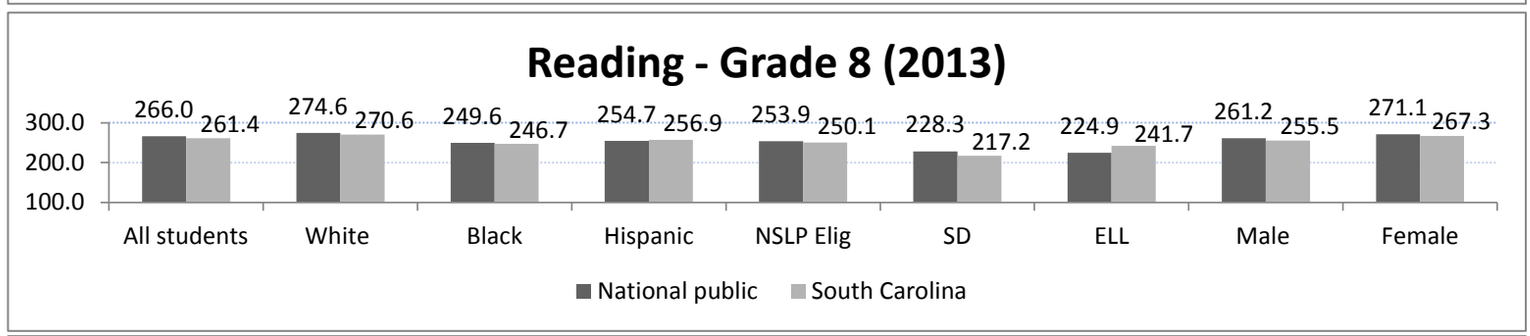
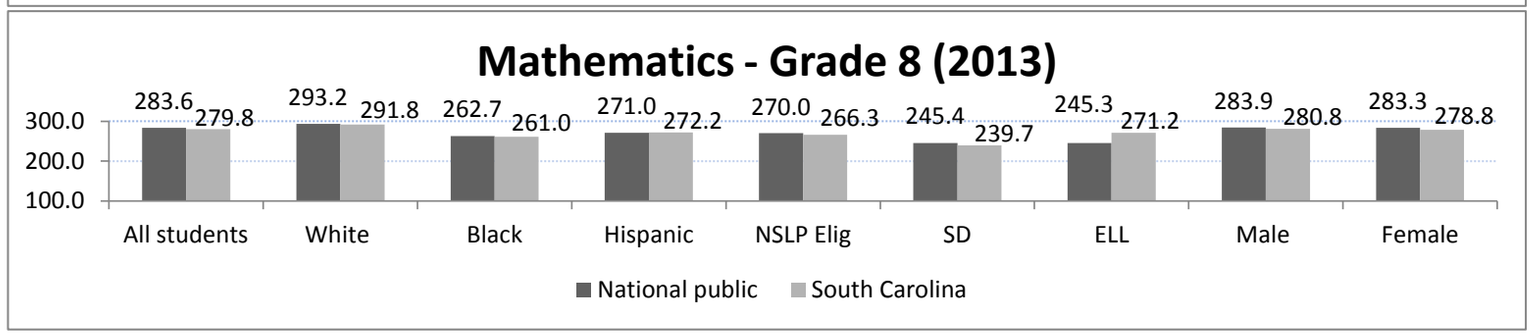
**Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.*









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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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