

Abner Creek Academy

2050 Abner Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Grades	PK-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	482 Students	
Principal	Karen McMakin	864-949-2334
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	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Good
2010	Excellent	Good

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

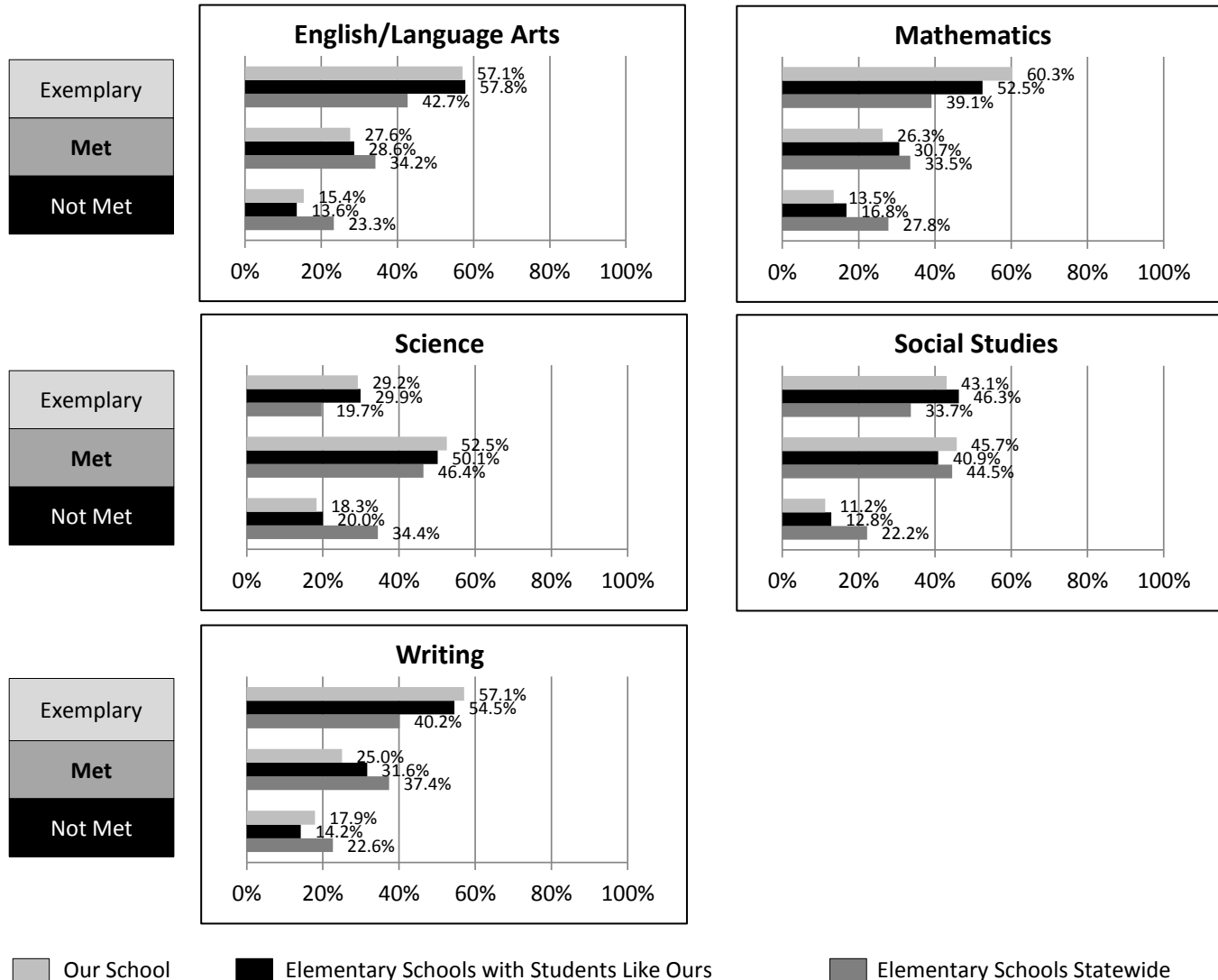
96.6%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
36	4	0	1	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

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 482)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	98.1%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.0%	Up from 1.3%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.7%	Down from 96.8%	97.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.8%	Down from 9.1%	12.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.8%	Up from 8.7%	10.8%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Up from 1.4%	1.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 35)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.7%	Up from 84.8%	64.4%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.6%	Down from 93.9%	86.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	97.8%	Up from 96.5%	90.6%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 93.7%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$52,963	Up 0.7%	\$49,253	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 11.7 days	10.3 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	19.7 to 1	Down from 20.7 to 1	20.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 89.7%	91.0%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	Down from 99.7%	99.8%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,569	Down 2.8%	\$7,271	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.0%	No change	68.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.3%	Up from 69.0%	67.6%	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

Abner Creek Academy (ACA), located 2.1 miles off of Interstate 85 in Spartanburg County, presently serves 496 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of 70 serve our students in a state-of-the-art facility. ☐

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This year marked ACA's fourth year of the school's magnet program, which focuses on communication and leadership. Our goals this year were to:☐

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- Expand our magnet program by creating a traveling honors chorus and exploring the creation of a debate team

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- Expand the use of technology by students for learning and by teachers for instruction

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- Expand communication between school and parents/caregivers

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- Expand our understanding and use of assessments/data to drive instruction

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We are pleased with the progress we have made thus far. Teachers led staff development on reading assessments and using data. Our Honors Chorus performed at a basketball game, a hockey game, at Barnes and Noble, and at Carowinds. Students were able to participate in Student Council, Drama, Honors Chorus, Morning News show crews, holiday performances, a science fair, a cultural fair, several service projects, and Gator Patrol. All teachers were given iPads and laptops to use for instruction, and iPads were purchased for first- and second-grade classrooms. The Parent Portal and a text- messaging system were made available to parents to facilitate better communication.☐

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Our school also has many accomplishments to celebrate. ACA maintained an "Excellent" overall rating and received a "Good" improvement rating on the SC Annual School Report Card. ACA also received an "A" by the federal accountability rating system.☐

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Abner Creek received the Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance on the state assessment. We attribute some of our success to our Learning- Focused instructional practices.☐

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Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), a School Improvement Council (SIC), and business partnerships have been instrumental in the success of our school year. Stakeholders are becoming more and more involved in Olweus, our anti-bullying program.☐

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Additional opportunities for students include early intervention programs, a reading intervention program (Leveled Literacy Intervention), ESOL (our program for speakers of other languages), our gifted/talented inclusion model, Creations (our gifted art program), RTI (Response to Intervention), and services for special needs. ☐

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The Mission of Abner Creek Academy is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.☐

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Karen McMakin, Principal

Dawn Mitchell, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	29	81	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.3%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	96.3%	94.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	96.4%	80.3%

* 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	99.8
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 states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Abner Creek Academy 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		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	96.7%	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	656.4	661.4	640.0	660.6	100.0	99.4	100.0
Male	649.0	664.8	640.2	660.8	100.0	98.9	100.0
Female	664.3	657.8	639.8	660.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	660.2	663.5	642.5	660.8	100.0	99.1	100.0
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	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	640.2	646.0	628.6	649.9	100.0	98.6	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	89	659.9	100.0	89	653.2	100.0
	4	86	647.9	100.0	86	653.0	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	43	632.5	100.0	46	669.2	100.0
	4	85	649.4	100.0	85	661.0	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	80	665.3	100.0	80	652.4	100.0
	4	92	649.2	100.0	91	669.2	98.9
	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	41	633.4	100.0	39	675.9	100.0
	4	91	644.0	100.0	90	654.9	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	4205094
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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	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

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 4205094

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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