

## Pocalla Springs Elementary School

2060 Bethel Church Road  
Sumter, SC 29154

<b>Grades</b>	PK-5 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	889 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Dr. Laura M. Brown	803-481-5800
<b>Superintendent</b>	J. Frank Baker	803-469-6900
<b>Board Chair</b>	E. Keith Schultz	803-469-6900

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Average</b>
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.

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

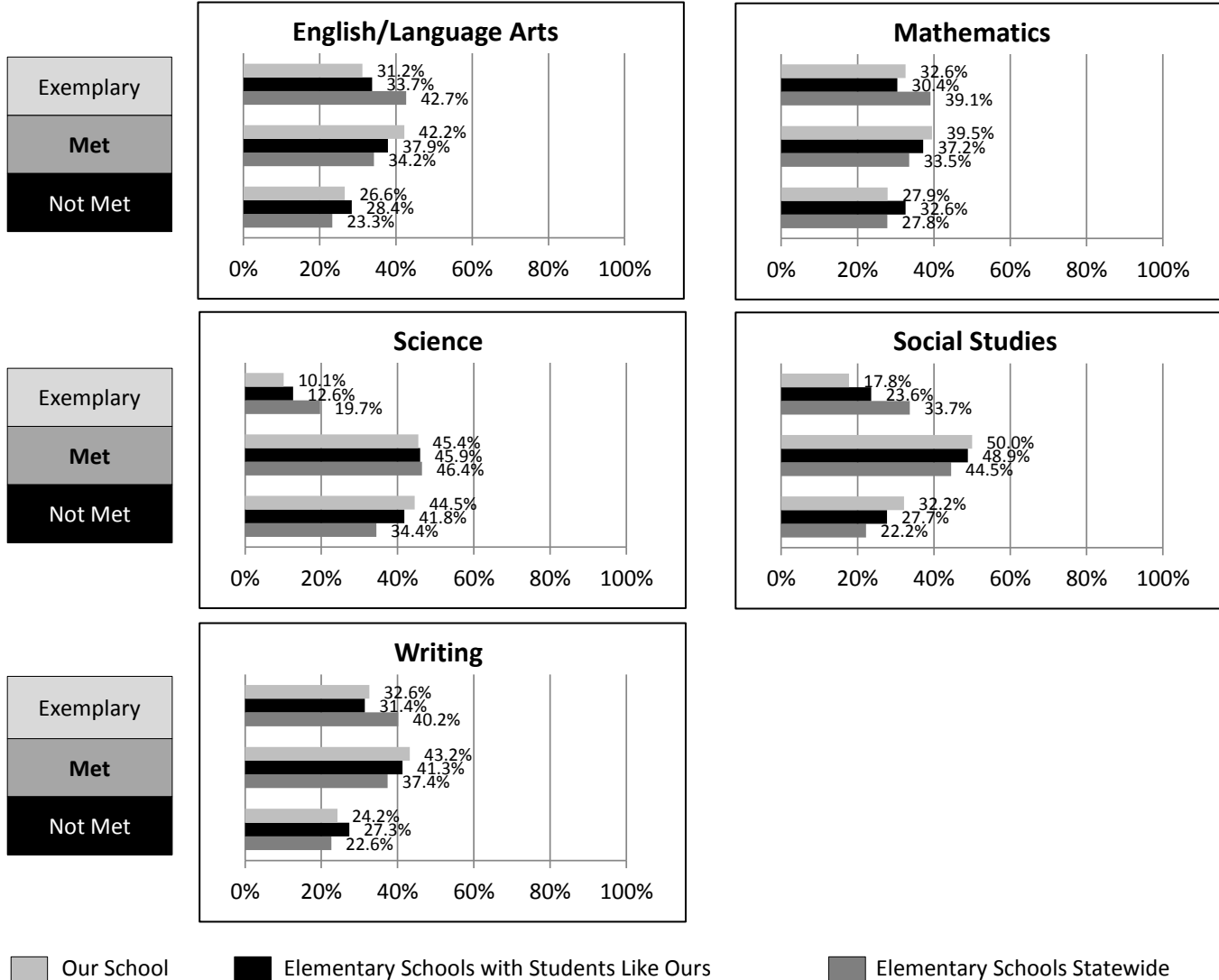
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.5%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	15	113	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.

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
<b>Students (n = 889)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.8%	Up from 0.6%	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	94.4%	Down from 94.7%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	3.5%	Down from 3.6%	4.8%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.8%	No change	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.1%	Down from 5.1%	2.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 50)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.0%	Up from 53.8%	60.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Down from 92.3%	80.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.3%	Up from 90.3%	87.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.5%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,960	Up 7.5%	\$47,227	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.2 days	Up from 12.5 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 22.4 to 1	19.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Down from 88.3%	90.0%	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**	\$6,342	Up 9.0%	\$8,000	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.3%	Down from 62.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.7%	Down from 61.0%	64.8%	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**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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This has been an exciting year at Pocalla Springs Elementary. We have participated in many initiatives and have earned several recognitions. We are able to accomplish these things because at Pocalla Springs Elementary, we Aim for Success!

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Pocalla Springs aims for success by being a school where students are prepared to learn and ready to meet the challenges of each day. We aim to have a school where parents are actively involved and participate in their child’s education by attending workshops and special events. We aim for a school where parents encourage school attendance, good homework habits, and excellent behavior. We aim for a safe and supportive environment across the entire day—whether it is on the playground, on the bus, in the hallways, or in the cafeteria.

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Pocalla Springs aims for success by utilizing the services of a school-wide curriculum coach to assist the principal in developing professional learning opportunities based on our population and needs. Opportunities include Standards-Based Curriculum Delivery, Student Assistance, Response to Intervention, Test Analysis, Explicit Direct Instruction, Brain Research, and Technology-based Learning.

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Pocalla Springs aims for success by contributing to and caring for the community. Service Learning initiatives include Shower Shaw with Cookies, Career Fair, and other projects to beautify the environment and raise awareness. Our philanthropic effort has been mainly geared toward the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, but we have also made significant donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Jump Rope for Heart.

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Thank you for working with us and for giving us the opportunity to serve your child.

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Donna Johnston, Chairman School Improvement Council

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Dr. Laura M. Brown, Principal

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	115	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.6%	85.3%	94.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.8%	84.6%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.0%	85.4%	74.1%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>77.1</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>C</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)**

Pocalla Springs 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.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

**Teacher Quality and Student Attendance**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.6	7.3%	
	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	94.4%	94.0%*	Yes
			<b>State</b>
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
<b>Grades 3-5</b>							
All Students	628.3	630.9	607.2	622.6	100.0	99.7	99.2
Male	628.6	632.2	617.0	630.1	100.0	100.0	99.2
Female	628.0	629.4	596.9	615.0	100.0	99.5	99.2
White	636.5	639.4	619.6	624.2	100.0	99.5	98.6
African American	616.5	619.4	590.9	618.0	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	585.7	590.8	574.2	598.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	621.3	623.1	598.6	617.6	100.0	99.7	99.0
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

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	130	638.2	100.0	130	622.6	100.0
4	133	622.1	100.0	133	623.4	99.3	
5	128	633.0	100.0	128	631.6	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	65	600.6	96.9	65	616.3	98.5	
4	132	608.6	100.0	132	632.0	100.0	
5	64	615.5	100.0	64	624.3	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	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	135	633.5	100.0	135	637.2	99.3
4	119	618.3	100.0	119	620.0	100.0	
5	135	631.7	100.0	135	633.6	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	67	598.4	97.1	64	617.5	97.0	
4	119	604.4	100.0	119	626.4	100.0	
5	67	620.9	100.0	66	621.2	97.1	
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 4301040

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	631.2	625.8	615.2	628.1	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	625.9	623.2	615.1	628.3	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	636.7	628.5	615.3	627.9	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
White	649.9	646.1	636.8	642.6	99.2	99.4	99.4	N/A
African American	619.8	612.6	601.3	618.7	99.8	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	662.6	671.8	660.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	98.1	N/A
Hispanic	637.6	637.2	625.5	635.6	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	593.2	589.3	586.0	601.9	98.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	628.4	638.4	625.7	640.1	100.0	98.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.4	616.8	605.3	620.7	99.7	99.9	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
All Students	609.4	609.3	619.6	619.0	99.5	99.6	99.1	N/A
Male	602.5	607.0	619.4	620.6	99.4	99.5	98.9	N/A
Female	616.7	611.7	619.9	617.4	99.7	99.6	99.2	N/A
White	629.6	623.6	639.5	634.8	99.2	99.2	99.5	N/A
African American	598.5	601.0	608.3	610.7	99.7	99.7	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	634.3	644.7	656.0	657.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	618.1	626.6	623.4	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	570.2	577.8	578.8	586.8	99.1	99.1	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	592.0	602.5	600.3	607.9	100.0	100.0	97.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	601.1	602.2	610.5	611.1	99.6	99.6	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
All Students	223.6	210.4	77.3	70.2	98.6	98.2	100.0	79.2
Male	220.8	211.0	77.6	70.7	98.1	97.5	100.0	75.0
Female	226.2	209.8	77.0	69.7	99.0	98.9	100.0	83.5
White	233.8	221.7	83.6	74.4	97.7	97.7	100.0	83.9
African American	218.6	204.6	73.7	67.8	99.0	98.3	100.0	76.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	80.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	72.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	193.1	67.3	63.2	94.7	93.0	100.0	35.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	218.8	204.8	74.8	67.8	98.2	97.8	100.0	73.6
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.

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**Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)** 4/27/2015 4301040

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
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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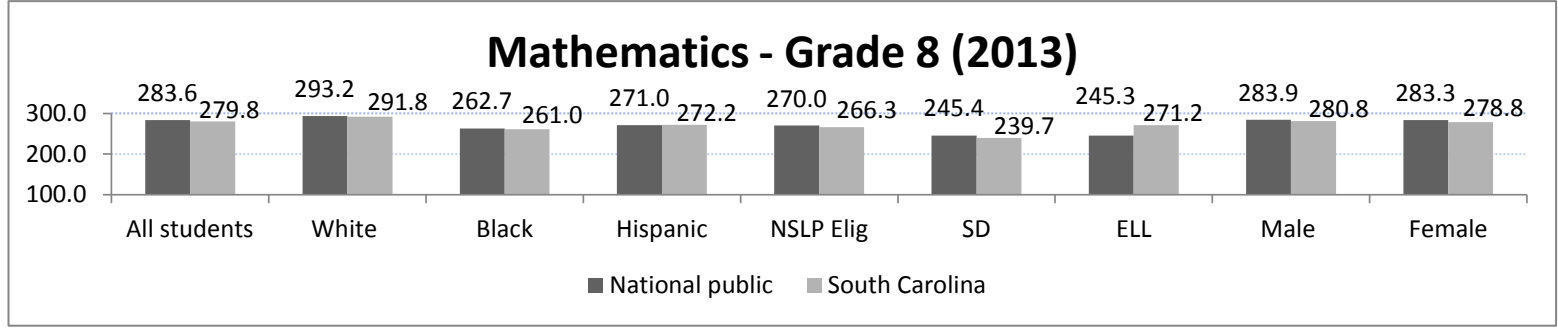
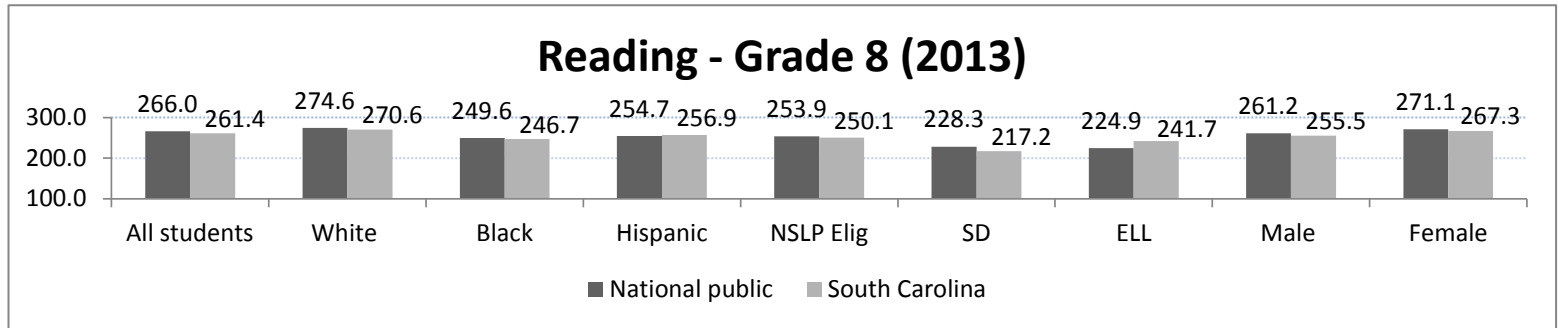
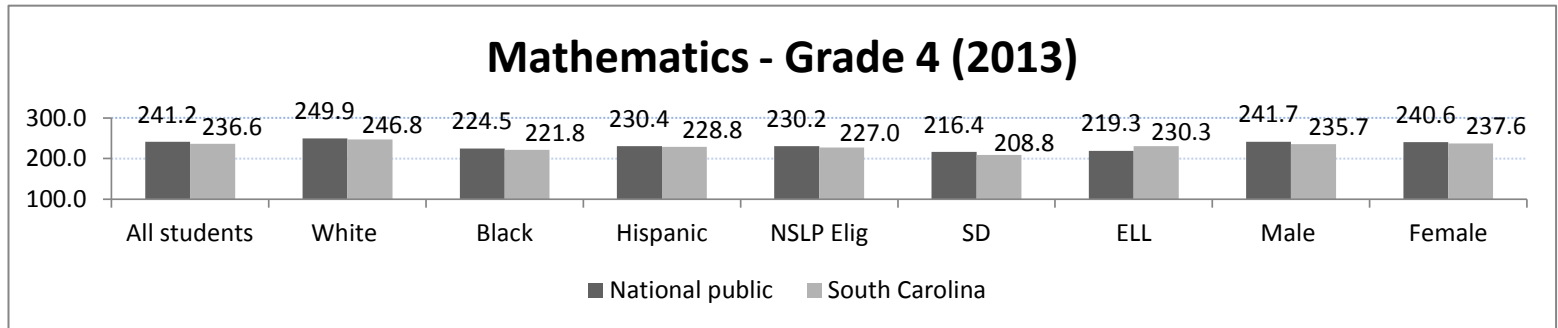
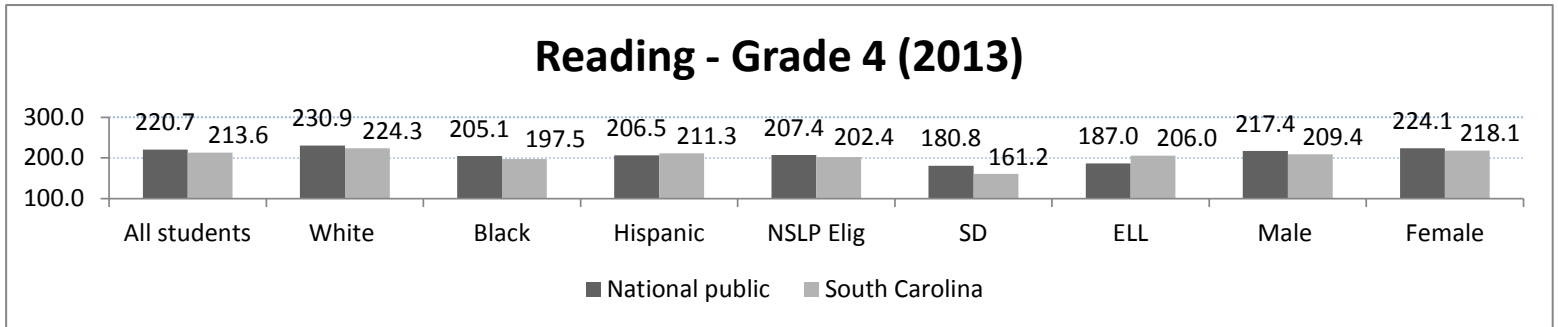
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\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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	1

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