

Kenneth Gardner Elementary School

1503 Woodland Drive
Kingstree, SC 29556

Grades	3-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	368 Students	
Principal	Jennifer G. Gardner	843-355-7233
Superintendent	Dr. Yvonne Jefferson-Barnes	843-355-5571
Board Chair	Mr. Joseph Lee	843-558-2824

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	Average
2013	Average	Excellent
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Below Average	Below 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>

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

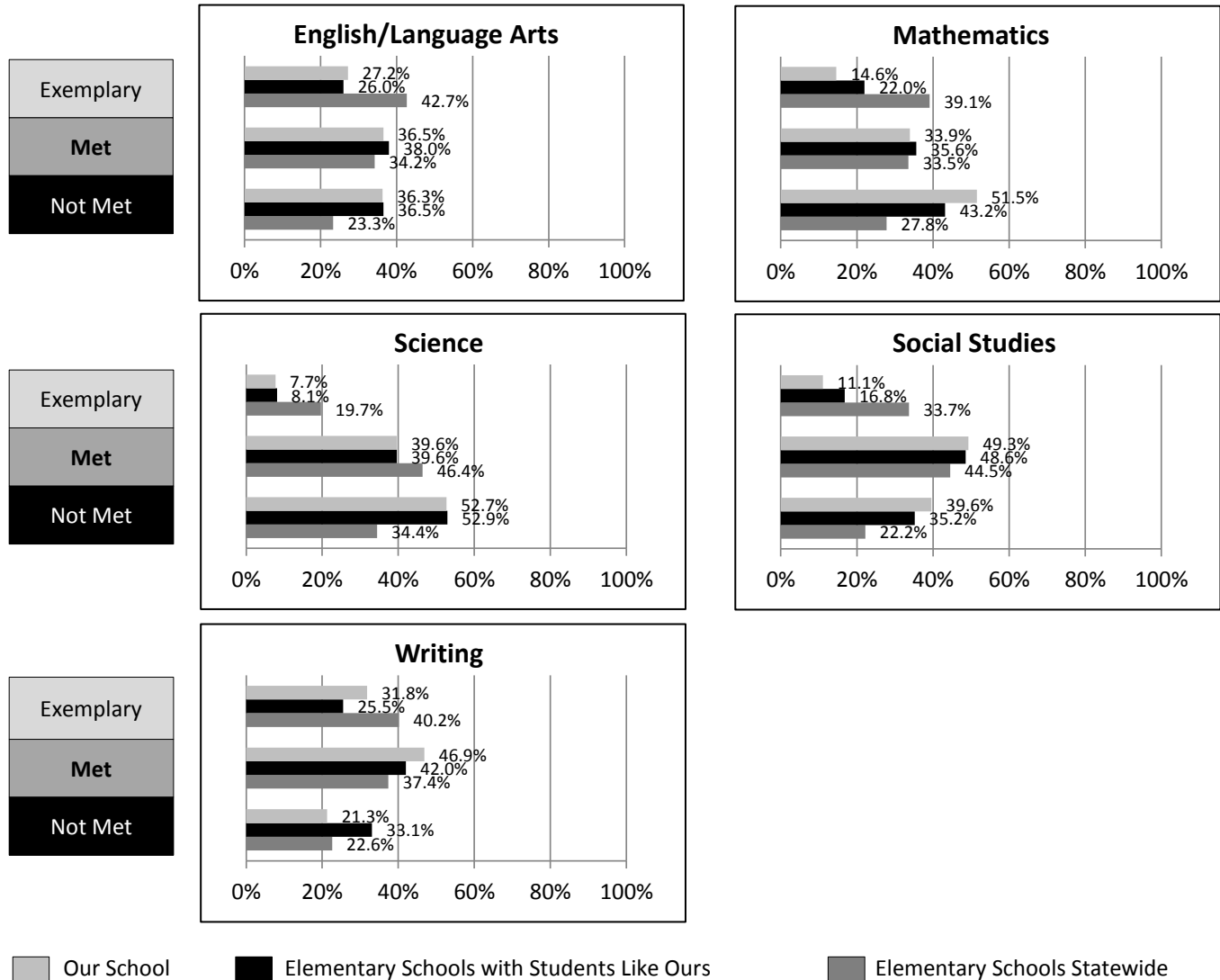
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.6%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	6	96	47	16

* 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 = 368)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.4%	Up from 2.2%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	98.3%	Up from 98.0%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.0%	Up from 3.7%	2.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	18.0%	Up from 15.4%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	9.9%	Up from 6.9%	3.0%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.0%	Down from 65.4%	59.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.0%	Down from 84.6%	73.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Up from 83.3%	83.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 96.5%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,565	Down 1.4%	\$45,638	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	1.3 days	Down from 11.7 days	10.5 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	No change	18.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.4%	Up from 94.2%	90.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.2%	Up from 96.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,554	Up 17.0%	\$8,821	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.7%	Down from 66.0%	64.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.6%	Up from 60.0%	63.9%	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

Kenneth Gardner Elementary provides educational experiences that promote leadership, enhances students' academic abilities, and fosters a love for the arts. The 2013-2014 school year was one of growth, great accomplishments, and transformations. Kenneth Gardner Elementary received the Santee Electric BRIGHT IDEAS grant, the Target grant, and participated in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program. Our school was also recognized and received the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for General Performance and Closing the Achievement from the S.C. Department of Education.☐

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The faculty and staff at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School has transformed into a "Leader in Me" school following the 7 Habits of the late Stephen Covey. Our goal was to witness significant improvements in academic achievement, decreases in student discipline referrals, and increases in levels of accountability. Our faculty, staff, and students incorporated the 7 Habits of Happy Kids and worked in tandem to create a culture of trust, accountability, and leadership, where our students have learned what it means to Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood, and to Sharpen the Saw. The Leader in Me has empowered our school to begin moving from Good to GREAT! Leadership Day 2014 was the culminating event and ultimate showcase of student leadership.☐

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The faculty, staff, and students all have the opportunity to take the L.E.A.D. on the last Friday of the month. L.E.A.D. Club Day is all about Learning, Experiencing, and Discovering the hidden talents and skills students possess through organized club activities. This innovative, school-wide model has contributed to emphasizing a culture of student empowerment and has helped unleash each child's fullest potential; our teachers have internalized timeless leadership principles that will nurture the skills our students need to become successful, life-long learners.☐

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In our quest to continue to provide high quality instruction and to meet the need of our learners, students and teachers were exposed to advanced technology and utilized a focused, explicit and direct instructional model in all classrooms. KGES teachers integrated programs and interventions such as small groupings and Accelerated Math to help improve students' math computational and problem solving skill. Students and teachers also had full access to our Math Resource Room filled with manipulatives for students' and classroom use. Project C.A.R.E., a reading enrichment model, and computer based programs such as Accelerated Reader, Renaissance Place, Study Island and ClassWorks aided teachers in facilitating instruction and monitoring students' progress.

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The students of KGES also engaged in activities that support and nurture the Arts. Each year, our Artist in Residence, teaches students the fundamentals of ballet, jazz, and other dance forms. Kenneth Gardner Elementary students also audition to become members of the school's dance team, Jag Force. The KGES Performing chorus is composed of students who love to sing. Our students also had the opportunity to join and perform with the KGES Percussion Ensemble. The 21st Century Learning Communities after school program extends to students the opportunity to engage in enrichment activities. At KGES, students are given the opportunity to emerge as leaders by studying other languages such as Spanish and French. ☐

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Additionally, volunteers continue to contribute their expertise and time to assist our students in excelling socially and academically, preparing them to be successful, life-long learners and productive citizens in an ever-changing, global society. It is with the collaborative efforts of our parents, business and community leaders, and stakeholders that we will develop students who possess principles that will enable them to be successful in the 21st century.☐

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Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Principal Rev. James Lane, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	130	64
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.7%	93.9%	79.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.0%	90.0%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.3%	90.9%	64.5%

* 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	58.9
Overall Grade Conversion	F

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)

Kenneth Gardner 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

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.3	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	98.3%	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	621.5	603.8	599.1	612.4	99.7	99.7	99.6
Male	616.1	598.5	598.4	611.7	99.5	99.5	99.2
Female	627.0	609.2	599.9	613.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	621.6	604.2	598.9	612.2	99.7	99.7	99.6
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	585.9	573.5	571.8	N/A	97.9	97.9	96.9
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	621.2	602.9	597.4	612.9	99.7	99.7	99.5
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	121	626.8	99.2	121	610.9	99.2
4	142	612.0	100.0	142	608.8	100.0	
5	138	646.7	100.0	138	636.0	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	63	603.4	100.0	58	623.1	100.0
	4	139	590.6	99.3	140	616.8	100.0
	5	70	606.0	100.0	68	616.4	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	118	627.4	100.0	118	600.8	100.0
4	114	611.8	99.1	114	598.7	99.1	
5	140	624.6	99.3	140	610.2	99.3	
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	59	605.3	100.0	59	600.4	100.0
	4	114	598.8	99.1	113	619.6	99.1
	5	68	594.3	100.0	72	610.5	98.6
	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 4501021

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	615.9	608.2	595.6	611.4	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	611.4	604.2	592.3	609.7	99.4	99.8	99.7	N/A
Female	620.6	612.4	599.0	613.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	620.9	618.2	611.9	625.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	615.3	607.3	594.2	609.7	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	584.4	577.4	566.8	584.1	98.3	99.2	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	615.3	607.8	594.7	611.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	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	598.3	605.3	598.2	601.9	99.3	99.4	99.2	N/A
Male	592.0	601.8	597.2	600.3	99.2	99.4	99.1	N/A
Female	605.5	609.3	599.4	603.7	99.3	99.3	99.3	N/A
White	614.1	606.3	N/A	N/A	98.1	98.1	96.8	N/A
African American	597.5	605.2	597.5	601.4	99.3	99.4	99.3	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	557.0	568.1	565.0	568.4	98.4	99.2	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	597.1	603.9	596.4	601.2	99.5	99.7	99.1	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	218.5	210.8	75.6	65.5	97.8	97.8	100.0	80.3
Male	214.3	209.4	75.1	66.4	96.9	96.9	100.0	73.2
Female	222.5	212.1	76.2	64.6	98.8	98.8	100.0	87.3
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.9
African American	218.5	211.0	75.6	65.3	97.7	97.7	100.0	81.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	196.8	187.8	64.3	60.6	93.3	93.3	100.0	39.2
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	217.4	209.9	75.3	65.1	97.9	97.9	100.0	81.7
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 4501021

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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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

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