

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle

929 Sylvia Circle
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	365 Students	
Principal	Jacqueline G. Jones	803-981-1380
Superintendent	Mr. John Taylor, Interim	803-981-1000
Board Chair	Jim Vining	803-366-2806

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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

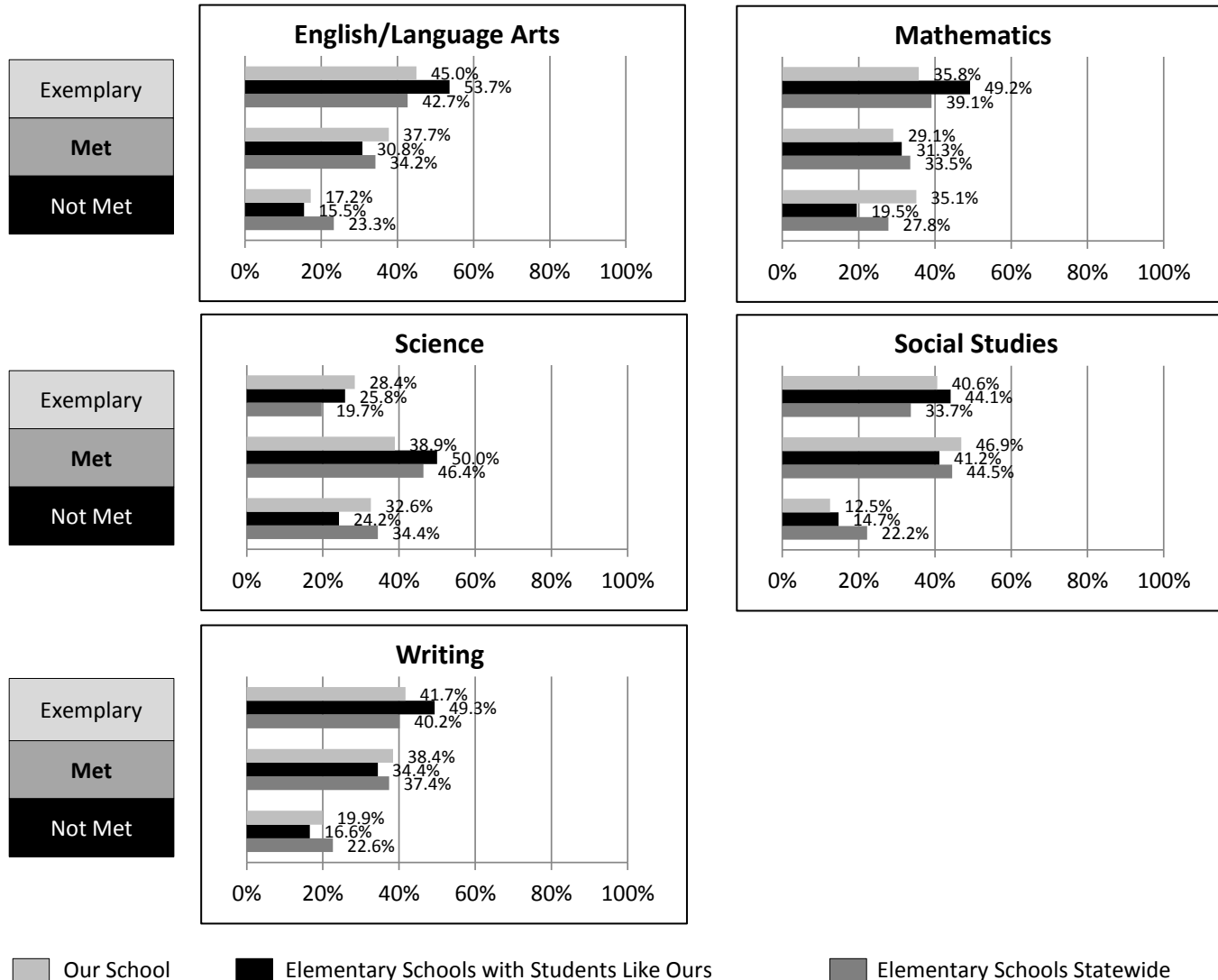
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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
44	14	4	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 = 365)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.8%	Up from 1.1%	0.8%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.0%	Down from 97.6%	96.8%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.1%	Down from 10.9%	10.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	9.6%	Up from 7.7%	10.9%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Up from 1.7%	1.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 23)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.9%	Down from 76.9%	63.6%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.3%	Up from 76.9%	82.2%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.3%	Down from 95.0%	90.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	No change	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,269	Down 1.2%	\$49,724	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Up from 6.9 days	10.6 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Down from 22.5 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.3%	Down from 94.1%	91.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	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**	\$6,480	Down 2.6%	\$7,105	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.5%	Down from 72.0%	67.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.9%	Up from 69.0%	66.9%	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

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle is a public Montessori School of Choice. We strive to create a peaceful learning environment where children have the freedom to explore using their creativity and imagination. The mission of our program is to design meaningful experiences where students acquire knowledge and skills to successfully meet 21st century challenges. ☐

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Respect for others and the community through leadership are essential parts of Montessori Education. Student leadership opportunities this year included: Dear Soldier, Muffins for Mom and Doughnuts for Dad, Holiday Canned Food Drive, Celebration of Stories, Light the Night, Student-Led Conferences, and Community Gardening. These projects increase awareness of civic responsibility and also foster the desire to help others as well. The Children's School also provided learning opportunities for parents as well. Parent information nights were planned for each grade level to better inform parents on Common Core standards, the district's standards based report card, and developmentally specific needs and expectations of students for each age grouping. In addition, we continue to have strong business partnerships within the local community. The SIC and PTO collaborated throughout the year with various programs to include: Back to School Picnic Bash, Montessori Magic School of Choice Night, Fall Festival, and Fun Run. Additionally the SIC and Boy Scout Troop#109 are currently working on phase one of creating a Labyrinth for our school. ☐

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Collaborative teams were formed within our school this year to foster relationships across grade levels and teamwork. Staff development included: Montessori alignment to Common Core, iPad integration to improve instruction, Poverty book study, and Professional Learning Communities. Students enjoyed a variety of standards-based activities and field studies: Measurement Olympics, Science Week, Career Day, outdoor experiences to Camp Thunderbird and Charleston, and an Arbor Day Celebration with Mayor Doug Echols. Character education and Montessori philosophy are the primary focus of our guidance and school program, using focal words such as cooperating, responsibility, respect, and grace and courtesy to guide our students. ☐

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We were the proud recipients of the 2014 Statewide Recycle-Bowl. Our school also participated in the 2014 Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Torch Run. Finally, our 5th Grade Challenge-Based Learning Project in partnership with The City of Rock Hill was highlighted in the Municipal Association of South Carolina.☐

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Jacqueline G. Jones, Principal

Joanne Edwards, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	19	46	28
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	87.0%	85.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	83.0%	89.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.4%	89.4%	70.3%

* 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	88.7
Overall Grade Conversion	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)

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle 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		3.3	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		0	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.0%	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	649.8	630.1	630.1	643.8	99.4	100.0	100.0
Male	633.5	621.8	621.2	638.8	98.9	100.0	100.0
Female	671.4	641.4	642.7	650.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	690.8	676.9	678.3	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	633.0	610.6	609.0	630.3	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	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	630.0	608.4	607.8	632.0	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	55	658.1	100.0	55	640.5	100.0
	4	60	632.7	100.0	60	637.4	100.0
	5	46	650.8	100.0	46	633.4	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
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	29	625.1	100.0	26	659.4	100.0
	4	60	632.2	98.3	60	645.6	100.0
	5	23	630.0	100.0	23	636.2	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	58	665.1	98.3	59	635.5	100.0
	4	42	636.1	100.0	42	630.9	100.0
	5	55	643.8	100.0	55	625.5	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	29	625.5	100.0	30	646.4	100.0
	4	42	626.5	100.0	42	653.1	100.0
	5	27	645.7	100.0	28	627.3	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

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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	4603034
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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	639.7	639.7	623.5	647.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	635.0	638.6	624.1	649.2	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
Female	644.6	640.9	623.0	646.3	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
White	655.3	658.2	641.8	662.2	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	621.8	617.3	601.0	629.4	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	665.6	671.4	644.7	692.5	98.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	625.4	626.3	611.8	640.7	99.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	634.4	639.2	620.7	640.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	599.7	595.3	590.5	615.9	99.3	98.9	99.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	623.3	625.9	610.7	644.0	98.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.0	622.0	607.2	633.0	99.7	99.8	99.9	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	628.6	631.5	635.9	638.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	619.0	628.0	632.5	640.1	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Female	638.6	635.2	639.4	636.4	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
White	646.2	648.4	654.6	654.2	99.7	99.8	99.5	N/A
African American	607.7	610.7	612.6	618.3	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	661.7	670.6	674.8	671.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	614.7	619.7	626.7	632.6	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	613.7	619.7	628.9	630.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	582.3	586.6	585.4	596.4	99.0	99.3	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	601.8	615.2	618.4	623.3	99.5	99.5	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.5	613.7	617.4	621.0	99.7	99.7	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	230.9	223.4	81.6	75.6	98.0	98.0	100.0	81.1
Male	225.9	221.6	81.7	76.5	97.6	97.8	100.0	76.5
Female	235.9	225.3	81.7	74.8	98.3	98.3	100.0	85.9
White	238.7	232.7	86.4	79.4	98.2	98.0	100.0	86.5
African American	220.9	210.0	75.5	70.2	97.8	98.0	100.0	74.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92.9
Hispanic	220.4	215.1	78.9	74.3	98.6	98.6	100.0	71.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62.5
With Disabilities	209.0	198.2	70.0	68.9	92.8	92.8	100.0	51.6
Limited English Proficient	212.3	214.8	75.0	71.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.5
Subsidized Meals	221.8	212.1	76.7	71.4	97.4	97.6	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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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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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



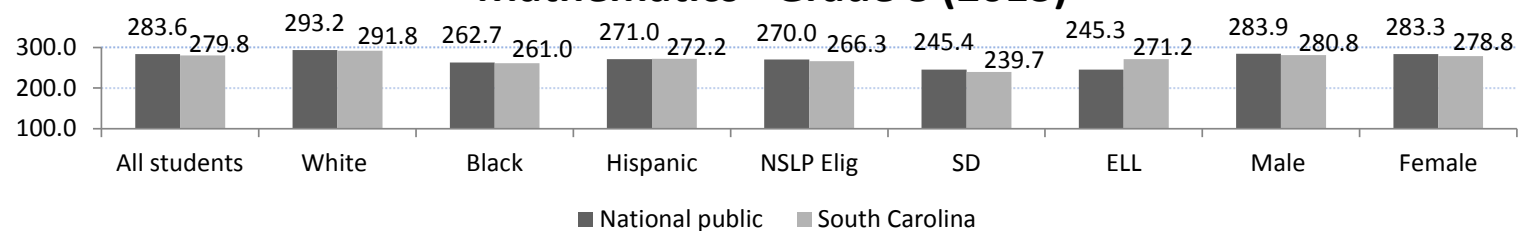
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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