

Fort Mill Elementary School

192 Springfield Parkway
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	775 Students	
Principal	Jeanette M. Black	803-547-7546
Superintendent	Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.	803-548-2527
Board Chair	Patrick White	803-548-2527

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	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

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.



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

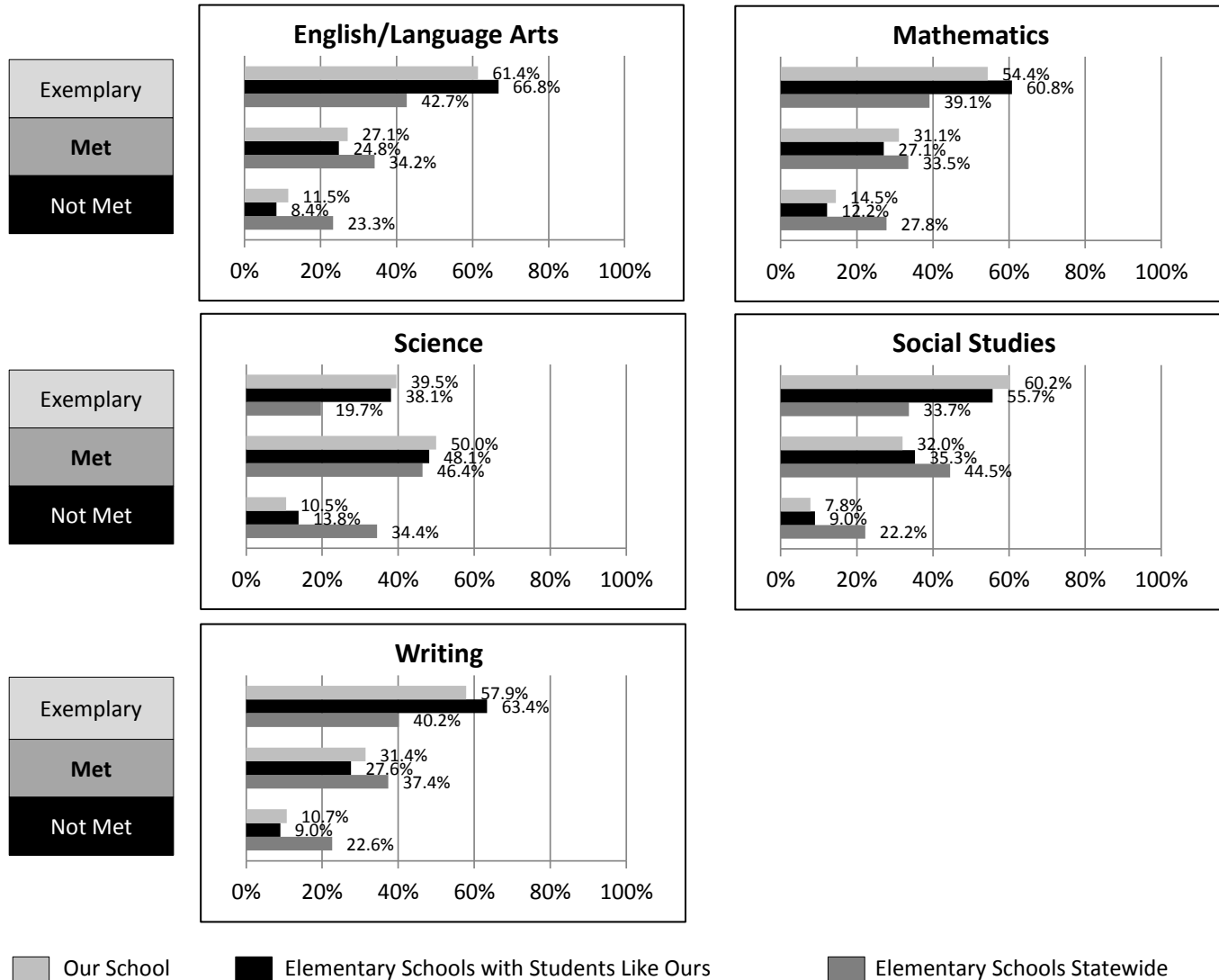
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
19	0	1	0	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 = 775)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	No change	0.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.2%	Down from 97.3%	97.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.9%	Up from 12.3%	15.8%	7.3%
With disabilities	7.4%	Down from 7.8%	9.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	No change	0.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 52)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 71.2%	64.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.5%	Down from 96.2%	86.2%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.7%	Up from 89.5%	91.5%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 96.0%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,457	Up 0.8%	\$49,103	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	13.4 days	Up from 11.0 days	9.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 13.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 16.2 to 1	20.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.7%	91.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 95.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,391	Up 1.6%	\$7,549	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.6%	Down from 76.0%	69.6%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	74.6%	Down from 75.0%	68.8%	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

At Fort Mill Elementary School, we put “Children First,” and our priorities are student learning and achievement in a nurturing environment. We strive to challenge students in order to provide them with the skills needed as 21st century learners. Our staff has focused on learning, collaboration, and results as we partner with parents and the community for the success of our students. These partnerships lay the foundation for our work together. FMES received the Palmetto Gold Award, which reflects high student achievement on the 2012-2013 PASS tests and our continued legacy of learning.

We consistently strive for excellence, and we fully implemented the new SC State standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math in grades K – 5. In ELA, we built upon prior success and expanded our use of the Daily Five, Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessments, the Sounds in Motion Program, and the Leveled Literacy Intervention Program. We initiated the use of the Lucy Calkins writing program, and students participated in Book Walks with a local children’s author. In math, we utilized math strategies to support 21st century learning and math thinking. Professional development focused on the ELA and Math SC state standards, math strategies, and technology, writing, and student engagement resources. Teachers participated in authentic professional development as they utilized data to make instructional decisions for students.

The integration of technology throughout the curriculum was an area of focus. We currently have 450 devices for student use including Chromebooks, iPads, and three computer labs for students in grades K – 5. Google Apps for Education are used by students and staff, and numerous online tools such as Aurasma, QR codes, Enigma, ThingLink, and blogs were utilized. FasttMath, Razz Kids, and Compass Odyssey supported student learning.

We continued our successful programs such as our “Character Bees”, summer Lunch ‘N’ Learn, Math Night, Countdown to Kindergarten, Sunshine Readers, Backpack Readers, History in a Backpack, book fairs, faculty meetings, Career Day, Peer Buddies for Reading, Safety Patrols, Student Council, and Girls on the Run. Student and staff community service efforts included a student recycling team, and projects for the Humane Society, Fort Mill Care Center, Jump Rope for Heart, pediatric cancer, the American Cancer Society, Jeans for GIs, and a holiday toy drive. Our PTO sponsored school-wide events such as the Fall Festival, Bingo, and family dances, and supported our instructional efforts through the purchases of instructional materials and technology. We look forward to a great year of learning and welcoming new families as a result of boundary redistricting. We want to thank everyone who supports our staff and our students as we create a learning community!

Kristie Strandberg, SIC Chairperson and Jeanette M. Black, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	112	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.7%	90.2%	94.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.4%	90.9%	95.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.6%	87.7%	84.5%

* 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	83.6
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)

Fort Mill 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.
	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	1.8	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	97.2%	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	664.3	664.9	659.2	672.8	99.7	100.0	100.0
Male	659.6	665.0	658.9	676.1	99.5	100.0	100.0
Female	669.4	664.7	659.5	669.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	675.7	678.2	668.0	683.1	99.7	100.0	100.0
African American	626.5	617.7	627.2	636.4	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	596.8	581.7	N/A	N/A	97.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	631.0	624.5	631.3	636.4	99.0	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

* 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	144	674.8	100.0	144	646.3	100.0
4	124	655.0	100.0	124	653.0	100.0	
5	132	667.6	100.0	132	644.4	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	71	654.1	100.0	73	663.4	98.6
	4	124	647.3	100.0	124	683.5	100.0
	5	66	655.8	100.0	66	675.0	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

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	117	671.8	100.0	117	664.7	100.0
4	143	659.8	99.3	144	667.5	100.0	
5	128	662.6	100.0	128	662.8	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	59	645.0	100.0	58	657.0	100.0
	4	144	659.2	100.0	144	681.8	100.0
	5	65	672.8	100.0	63	666.0	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 4604043

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	671.2	675.1	660.1	681.6	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	665.4	676.0	661.1	684.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	677.2	674.1	659.1	678.2	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	677.5	682.3	667.0	687.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	641.0	636.2	625.8	650.5	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	695.5	663.9	691.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	645.9	645.3	634.5	664.0	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	614.1	610.9	615.8	633.0	98.9	99.3	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.5	636.4	618.2	649.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	638.9	636.9	625.5	647.3	99.8	100.0	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	655.6	667.9	669.5	670.3	99.9	99.8	99.6	N/A
Male	647.8	667.2	669.6	674.2	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	663.4	668.7	669.5	666.4	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	660.9	672.7	675.3	674.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	629.0	636.5	639.2	641.3	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.9	700.5	687.4	684.9	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Hispanic	640.3	652.4	655.6	660.8	100.0	100.0	98.4	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	584.2	594.6	602.7	605.6	100.0	99.6	96.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.7	638.8	642.0	644.8	100.0	100.0	96.4	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.5	634.4	638.9	641.7	99.7	99.7	99.0	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	243.2	242.2	91.0	81.2	99.7	99.7	100.0	93.7
Male	241.3	244.6	91.7	82.2	99.5	99.5	100.0	92.8
Female	245.0	240.0	90.3	80.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	94.8
White	245.8	245.9	92.5	82.7	99.6	99.6	100.0	94.5
African American	231.8	222.8	83.2	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.5
Hispanic	233.1	225.5	84.0	76.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	216.0	209.9	77.2	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	69.1
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.5
Subsidized Meals	230.3	225.3	83.0	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.5
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 4604043

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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