

## Gold Hill Elementary School

1000 Dave Gibson Boulevard  
Tega Cay, SC 29708

<b>Grades</b>	K-5 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	907 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Mrs. Terry Brewer	803-548-8250
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.	803-548-2527
<b>Board Chair</b>	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
<b>2014</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>
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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>  
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

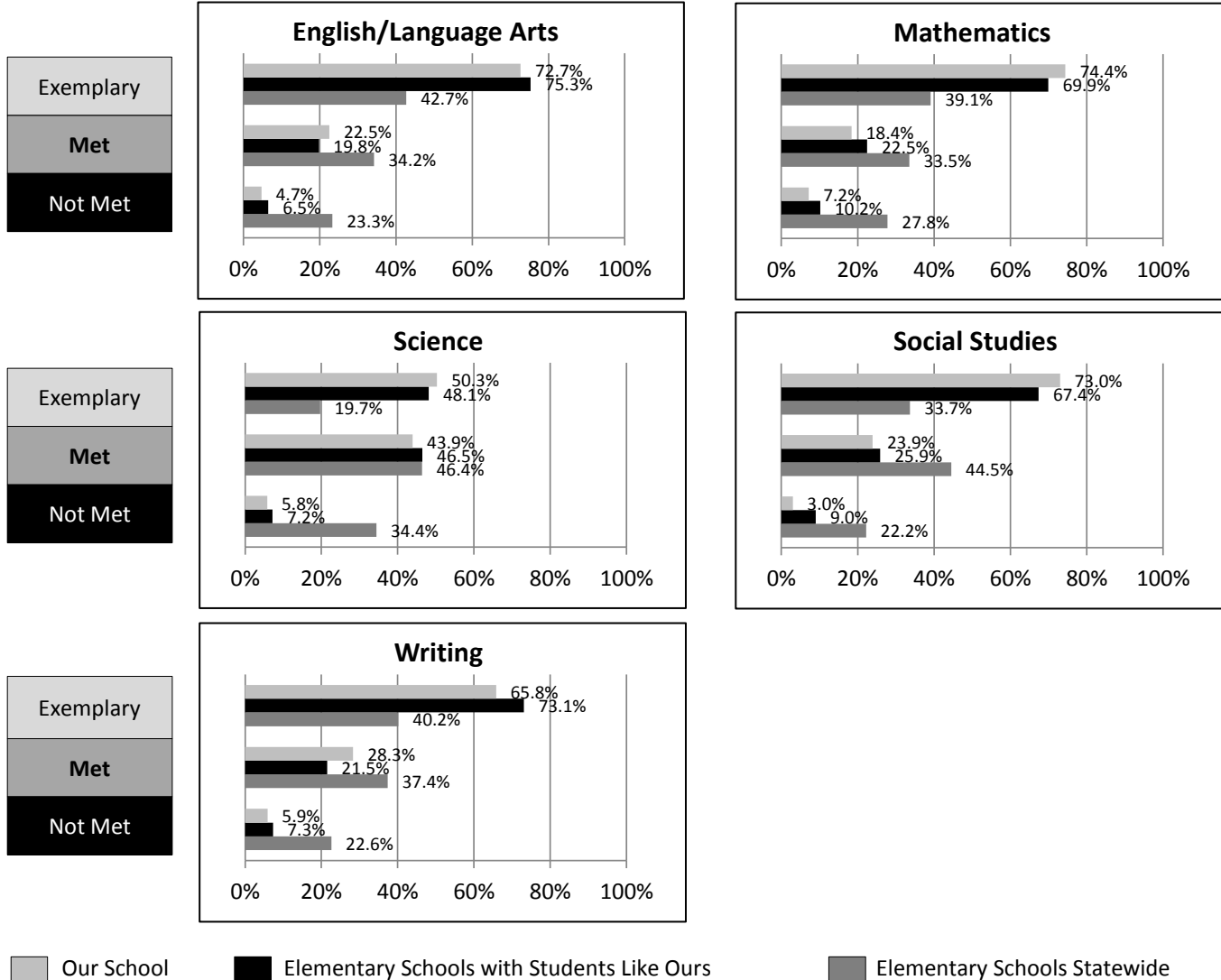
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 93.4%

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

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
4	0	0	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
<b>Students (n = 907)</b>				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 99.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.2%	Down from 0.6%	0.3%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.2%	Up from 97.1%	97.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.7%	Up from 17.4%	33.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	6.5%	Down from 7.3%	5.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	No change	0.1%	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 = 56)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	78.6%	Down from 79.6%	64.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	82.1%	Down from 87.0%	76.6%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.6%	Up from 86.9%	89.9%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.5%	96.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,714	Up 1.9%	\$47,946	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	11.8 days	Down from 13.3 days	8.9 days	10.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	10.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.1 to 1	Up from 21.2 to 1	22.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.8%	91.6%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	No	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,054	Up 0.2%	\$9,209	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.1%	Up from 75.0%	64.9%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	74.1%	Up from 74.0%	64.5%	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**

Gold Hill Elementary School (GHES) is a K- 5 school serving about 930 students. Due to continued high enrollment, the school has an enrollment freeze for this school year. Two new elementary schools will be opening in August, 2014. With the change in School Attendance Lines, school enrollment will decrease and the enrollment freeze will not continue. Our mission states: Gold Hill Elementary School, in partnership with its students, parents, community, and the Fort Mill School District, will

- ☐ Guide learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment;☐
- ☐ Have high expectations to encourage one’s personal best;
- ☐ Engage students in progressive and challenging lessons;☐
- ☐ Stay student focused by making all decisions based on “what is best for students”.

Using the Fort Mill School District Strategic Plan and the GHES School Improvement Plan, our School Improvement Council, PTA, faculty, and staff worked together establishing goals for this year. Helping every student achieve the level of “Proficient” on our state’s Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS); enhancing school safety and security with the addition of new electronic entry doors and security cameras; receiving 250 new technology devices; providing Mini-Classroom Economy Training and integrating Financial Literacy and Junior Achievement Curriculum to help students be more successful in a global economy; continuing STEM initiatives with our engineering curriculum and LEGO Education Kits for Simple Machines and We Do Robotics; revising our English Language Arts and Math Standards Curriculum; utilizing data to make instructional decisions; and achieving Bronze Partner status with the Safe Routes to Schools Program were just a few of our goals for the year. ☐

GHES is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and maintains an “All Clear” status from the State Department of Education. Students demonstrated service learning through such projects as the Fort Mill Student Hunger Drive by collecting 1,522 pounds of food, raised money for the Heifer International Service Learning Project, collected tabs to make a donation to the Levine Children's Hospital, and created a Student Leadership Team. Special programs and initiatives such as the Health and Nutrition Club, Buzzy Beats, Hornets in Harmony, Accelerated Reader, Math Superstars, and the Academically Gifted Program gave students more opportunities in advancing their skills. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing program provided valuable information about the learning strengths and needs of our students. Compass Odyssey, a curriculum support and enrichment program which utilizes computers, helped to differentiate instruction and provide intervention, extension, and support for our students. Our PTA raised funds to buy seven computers to use with our LEGO We Do Robotics Program, additional elementary engineering curriculum, garden supplies, student agendas, as well as funding numerous teacher requests for supplies and materials. ☐

The school will continue to set new goals for improved student performance and will continue to focus attention on student achievement, teacher quality, parent involvement, safety, technology advancements, health and wellness, and character education. ☐

Terry Brewer, Principal; and Barbara Little, School Improvement Council Chairperson

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	159	132
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.7%	93.0%	98.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.8%	97.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.9%	94.5%	81.6%

\* 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>96</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>A</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)**

Gold Hill 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**

	<b>Our District</b>	<b>State</b>	
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%	
	<b>Our School</b>	<b>State Objective</b>	<b>Met State Objective</b>
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.2%	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	682.2	691.2	671.3	687.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	674.5	694.9	673.5	689.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	689.7	687.5	669.3	684.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	683.6	693.4	672.6	689.2	100.0	100.0	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	624.8	603.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	646.6	654.8	644.5	N/A	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

\* 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	158	683.9	99.4	158	663.4	100.0
4	161	669.2	100.0	161	679.3	100.0	
5	132	674.0	99.2	132	686.7	99.2	
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	79	647.8	100.0	79	683.3	100.0
	4	161	663.9	100.0	161	691.7	100.0
	5	66	664.9	100.0	66	677.8	98.5
	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	158	691.8	100.0	158	676.3	99.4
4	172	683.1	100.0	172	685.0	100.0	
5	167	672.1	100.0	167	711.7	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	78	656.5	98.7	80	683.5	100.0
	4	172	670.0	100.0	172	692.8	100.0
	5	84	687.7	100.0	83	679.4	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 4604048

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	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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
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

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**Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)** 4/27/2015 4604048

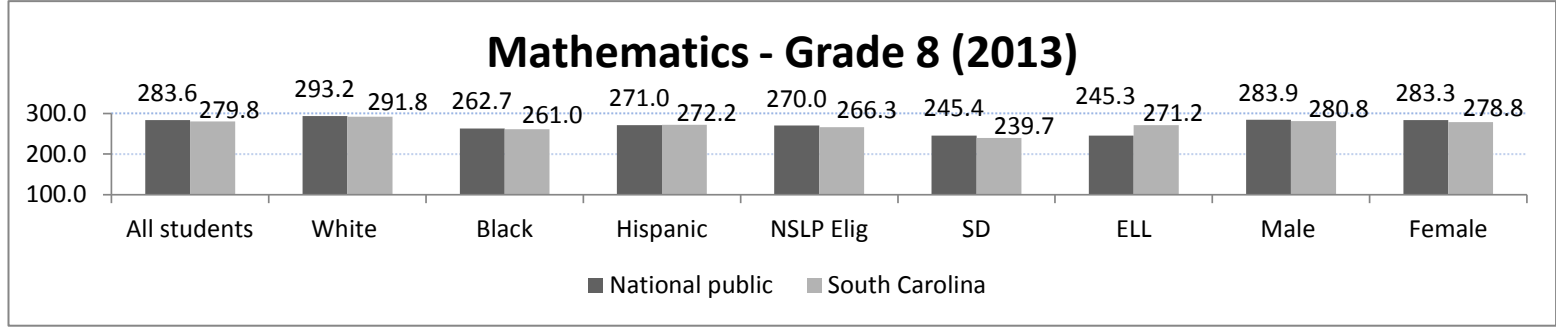
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	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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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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