

Pleasant Knoll Elementary

2346 Pleasant Road
Fort Mill, SC 29708

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	782 Students	
Principal	Grey Young	803-835-0090
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.

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

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

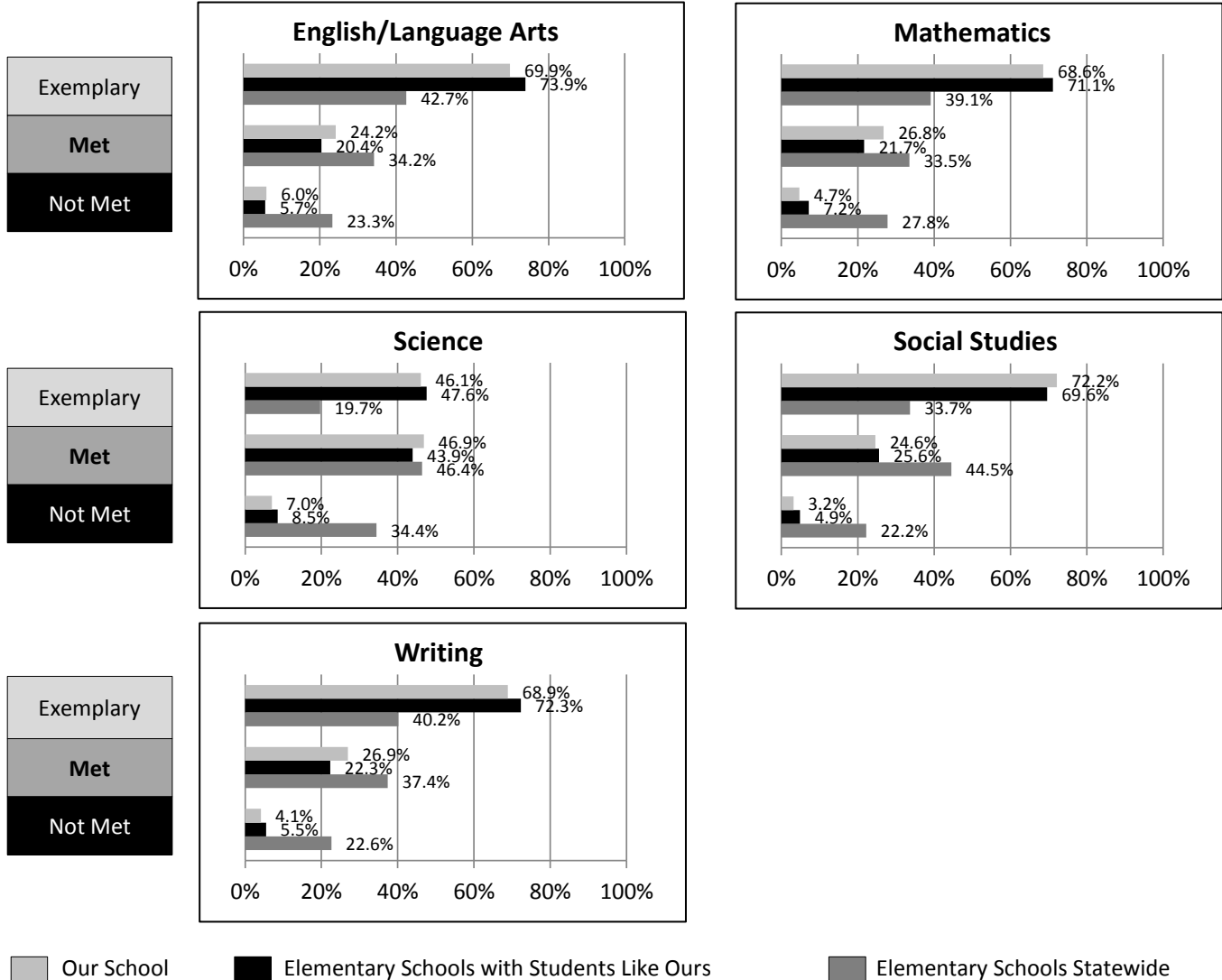
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 92.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	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
Students (n = 782)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.5%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.1%	Down from 97.4%	97.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.1%	Up from 15.3%	20.7%	7.3%
With disabilities	11.8%	Up from 10.9%	9.8%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.5%	No change	0.5%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.4%	Down from 76.9%	65.2%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	86.0%	Down from 88.5%	86.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Up from 86.3%	91.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	96.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,884	Up 0.6%	\$49,876	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Down from 12.3 days	9.6 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.7 to 1	Down from 19.2 to 1	21.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 91.2%	92.1%	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 98.3%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,594	Up 13.4%	\$7,219	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	76.6%	Down from 77.0%	70.6%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	75.9%	Down from 76.0%	69.8%	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

The mission of Pleasant Knoll Elementary School is to develop and support a sense of community within each child, parent, and faculty member through purposeful learning experiences where all students are successfully reaching their highest potential. Pleasant Knoll Elementary School is proud to report that our school received an “A” for the state letter grade. The school also earned an “Excellent” Absolute Rating and an “Excellent” Growth Rating on our 2013 State Report Card. We received the Palmetto Gold Award for Student Academic Performance and the Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap in 2013-2014. Our school has also continued to excel within the classroom. Pleasant Knoll received the “All Clear” status from the State Department of Education as a result of maintaining highly qualified teachers in each classroom. Students were provided many opportunities to get involved in school activities outside the classroom. We had Learning Clubs that were offered by members of our staff twice a month after school. These clubs included dance, fitness, music, golf, morning news, coding, scrabble, safety patrol, basketball, art, and book. Our staff members continued to grow professionally by participating in numerous innovative teaching strategies including Highly Effective Teaching, Lucy Calkins Writing, Project Based Learning, Daily 5, and Response to Intervention. The staff also helped with the Ronald McDonald House as a community outreach program. Several staff members received grants for new programs at Pleasant Knoll Elementary. Our school received a grant from Wal-Mart to offer in conjunction with our School Improvement Council, the first ever Bicycle Safety Night at Pleasant Knoll. We also received a Champions of Character grant from Harris Teeter and the Carolina Panthers which includes \$2500 and a Play 60 event at our school. Our hardworking Parent Teacher Organization continued to support our students and staff members in 2013-2014. They were able to raise money through various fundraisers to provide our staff with numerous classroom, related arts, and grade level supply requests. They also offered a Daddy-Daughter Dance and a Mother-Son Lego Night for our students and parents. With the help of the PTO, SIC, and all stakeholders at Pleasant Knoll, we look forward to continuing to work together to provide a safe and purposeful learning environment for our students.

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Grey Young, Principal

Ann Finnegan, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	39	138	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.5%	82.6%	97.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	81.7%	92.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.5%	91.2%	84.2%

* 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	98.3
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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)

Pleasant Knoll Elementary 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	1.6%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.1%	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	674.3	680.7	661.6	690.3	99.5	99.5	99.6
Male	671.9	682.8	662.8	695.6	99.5	99.5	100.0
Female	676.6	678.6	660.4	685.1	99.5	99.5	99.3
White	677.6	682.4	666.7	692.5	99.7	99.7	100.0
African American	658.0	662.3	632.5	N/A	98.1	98.1	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	671.0	677.2	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	630.6	629.7	633.6	N/A	97.7	97.7	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	652.5	653.8	633.9	665.1	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	131	676.1	100.0	131	658.6	100.0
4	131	665.1	100.0	131	676.0	100.0	
5	131	672.7	100.0	131	678.0	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	66	652.5	100.0	65	679.6	100.0
	4	131	661.7	100.0	131	708.8	100.0
	5	65	657.2	100.0	66	667.3	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	139	688.4	98.6	139	684.8	97.9
4	123	670.5	100.0	123	680.5	100.0	
5	138	663.5	100.0	138	676.7	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	71	658.3	98.6	66	691.8	94.3
	4	123	663.3	100.0	123	698.2	100.0
	5	70	662.0	100.0	68	674.0	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 4604055

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

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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	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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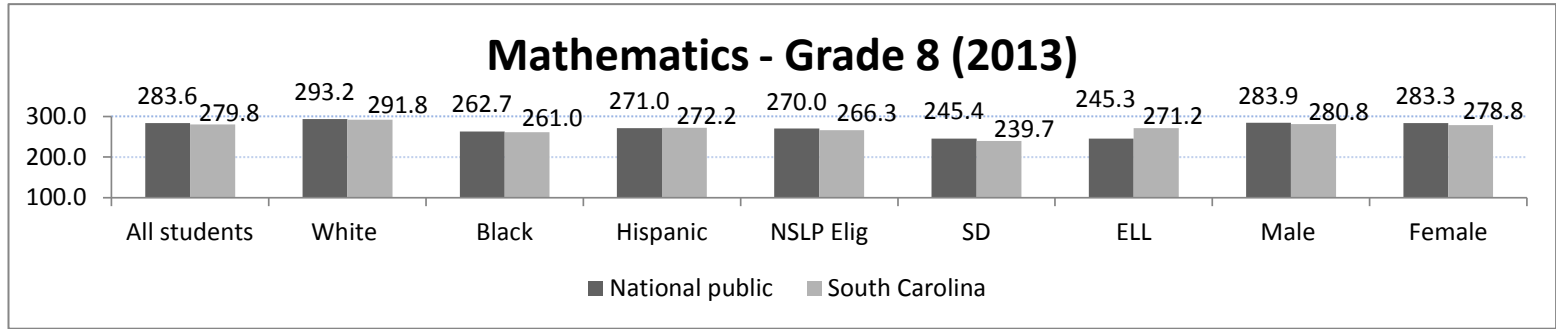
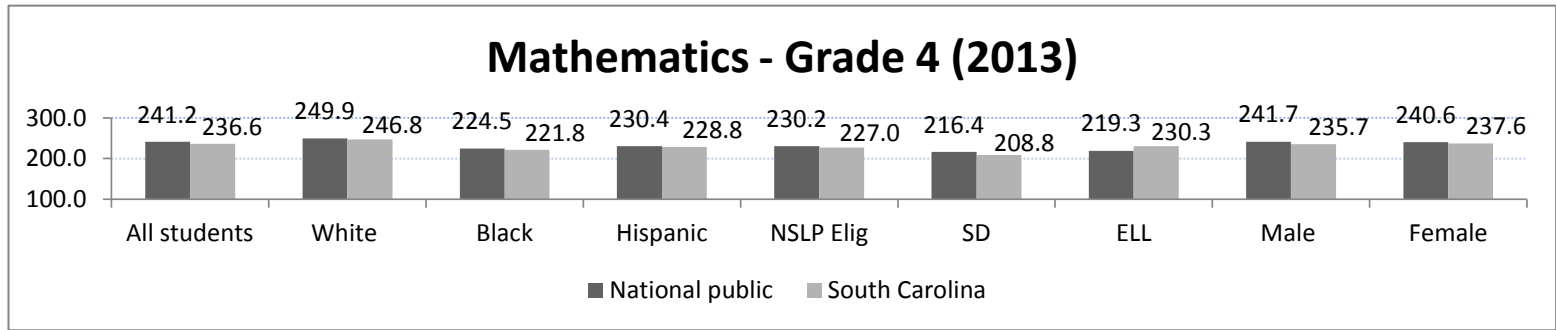
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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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