

Aiken Performing Arts Academy (APAA)

130 Avery Lane
Aiken, SC 29801

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	41 Students	
Principal	Keisha Lloyd-Kennedy	803-644-4824
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Board Chair	Mrs. Rosemary B. English	803-648-1128

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
7	18	10	0	0

NOTE: Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

Percent	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Passed both subtests	55.6%	35.3%	37.5%	79.8%	80.8%	69.4%
Passed one subtest	33.3%	52.9%	37.5%	12.7%	12.2%	19.5%
Passed no subtests	11.1%	11.8%	25.0%	7.6%	7.0%	11.9%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014

	Our High School	High Schools w/ Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	90.4%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014*	2013	2014
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	8	13	252	166
Number of Graduates in Cohort	6	12	195	129
Rate	75.0%	92.3%	76.5%	78.6%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Number of Students in Cohort	13	7	248	172
Number of Graduates in Cohort	8	6	192	134
Rate	61.5%	85.7%	75.7%	78.2%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	44.4%	76.3%
English 1	44.4%	64.5%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	59.1%	69.6%
US History and the Constitution	35.3%	55.6%
All Subjects	47.4%	66.3%

* High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 41)				
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 13.2%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	99.4%	Up from 98.6%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	97.5%	Down from 100.0%	16.2%	17.7%
With disabilities	20.0%	Up from 17.0%	12.4%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	12.5%	Down from 15.1%	8.5%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.3%	Up from 5.8%	9.4%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	33.3%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.0%	Up from 12.5%	29.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	10.4%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	12	Down from 29	282	423
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.0%	No change	10.4%	13.1%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.0%	Up from 58.6%	83.4%	84.5%
Career/technology students completers placed	N/A	N/A	97.2%	98.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	2.3%	2.1%
Dropout Recovery Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers (n = 9)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	0.0%	No change	62.2%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	60.0%	Up from 33.3%	76.2%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	63.3%	Up from 51.5%	83.8%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	99.2%	Down from 100.0%	95.1%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$25,015	N/A	\$47,257	\$48,414
Professional development days/teacher	13.3 days	Up from 10.0 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.0 to 1	Down from 13.8 to 1	24.6 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	98.6%	No change	89.8%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,671	Down 17.0%	\$9,318	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	Up from 44.0%	54.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	77.3%	Up from 57.0%	55.6%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.3%	98.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2014	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	12	100.0%	57	47.4%	13	92.3%
Gender						
Male	N/A	N/A	25	52.0%	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	32	43.8%	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	N/A	N/A	25	76.0%	N/A	N/A
African American	N/A	N/A	32	25.0%	N/A	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	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
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	N/A	N/A	11	9.1%	N/A	N/A
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	N/A	N/A	37	43.2%	N/A	N/A

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School

The APAA has received Palmetto Gold Awards for Excellence from the SDE and was created to provide 9th thru 12th grade high school students with unique learning opportunities in the performing and visual arts. Our academic curriculum is limited to college prep and advanced placement courses for qualifying students. Student enrollment is limited to ensure smaller class sizes. We believe the more intimate classroom environment; coupled with the opportunity to take specialized classes in dance, music, theatre and visual arts, makes our program unique. In recent years, our student population has consisted of students who have received little or no outside training, so we are exposing a new generation to the arts. We provide multi-sensory learning versus more traditional teaching methods, as the majority of our arts students respond positively to sensory catalysts. Apart from the performing and visual arts curriculum, the teaching staff places great emphasis on the pursuit of performance, public speaking and team work as these skills will translate positively into their daily lives.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	4	25	9
Percent satisfied with learning environment	I/S	48.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	I/S	50.0%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	I/S	73.1%	I/S

* Only students at the highest High 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 High 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	80.5
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)

Aiken Performing Arts Academy (APAA) 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	1.3	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	48.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	99.4%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all High and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all high and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 9-12								
All Students	217.3	201.4	75.8	64.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.3
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	N/A	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	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	N/A	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	N/A
Subsidized Meals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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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Two-Year High School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2013	9	5	I/S	I/S	5
10	12		228.3	100.0	12	203.8	100.0
11	0		I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
12	0		I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History				
N	Mean		% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested	
9	I/S		N/A	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
10	12		77.1	100.0	8	I/S	100.0
11	2		I/S	100.0	7	I/S	100.0
12	0		I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S

	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2014	9	0	I/S	I/S	0
10	8		I/S	I/S	8	I/S	I/S
11	0		I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
12	0		I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S
End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History				
N	Mean		% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested	
9	10		80.1	100.0	0	I/S	I/S
10	12		72.3	100.0	11	63.6	100.0
11	0		I/S	I/S	5	I/S	100.0
12	0		I/S	I/S	1	I/S	100.0

NOTE: ELA and Math N-counts are based on number of students. Science and History N-counts are based on number of End-of-Course Biology 1 and US History and the Constitution tests administered. Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)

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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	638.8	636.1	614.1	632.5	99.7	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	634.3	635.8	614.3	634.2	99.7	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	643.6	636.3	613.9	630.6	99.8	99.7	99.4	N/A
White	651.8	648.9	628.0	641.9	99.8	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	619.2	616.1	593.3	616.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.6	671.3	640.6	656.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	627.7	625.3	602.5	628.7	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	588.9	585.0	573.3	594.3	98.8	98.8	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.0	626.3	600.7	628.6	99.8	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.9	621.2	600.7	620.8	99.7	99.7	99.4	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	623.1	622.4	624.6	623.6	99.5	99.5	99.6	N/A
Male	616.4	621.5	624.6	626.2	99.4	99.4	99.4	N/A
Female	630.7	623.4	624.7	620.9	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
White	637.1	634.3	640.3	634.7	99.5	99.5	99.5	N/A
African American	602.8	605.0	602.0	605.9	99.5	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	650.3	662.9	644.3	665.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	617.5	615.6	617.2	624.7	99.8	99.8	99.3	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.8	96.8	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	571.8	579.8	581.5	585.5	98.6	98.7	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	611.1	615.8	615.3	625.5	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.9	607.9	609.8	609.9	99.3	99.3	99.4	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	229.9	224.0	82.4	74.1	99.0	99.2	100.0	82.8
Male	226.8	224.8	82.6	75.9	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.2
Female	233.3	223.1	82.4	72.5	99.3	99.6	100.0	87.8
White	236.3	231.1	86.5	77.5	99.0	99.2	100.0	87.9
African American	219.8	211.7	76.5	68.4	98.8	99.3	100.0	75.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.0
Hispanic	224.8	220.0	78.0	73.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	79.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.6	196.2	66.6	65.3	97.2	97.2	100.0	38.3
Limited English Proficient	216.7	216.2	75.8	68.8	100.0	98.5	100.0	68.1
Subsidized Meals	220.9	213.5	77.0	70.0	98.8	99.3	100.0	74.1
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

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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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Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

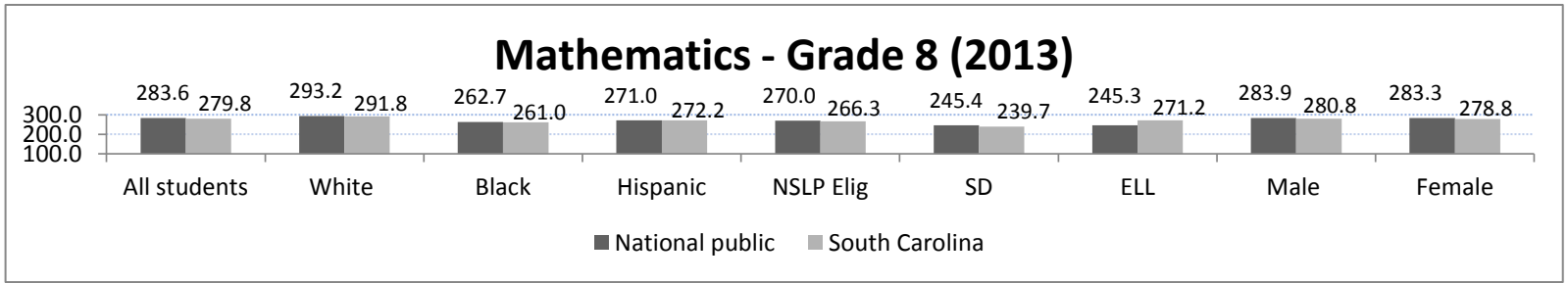
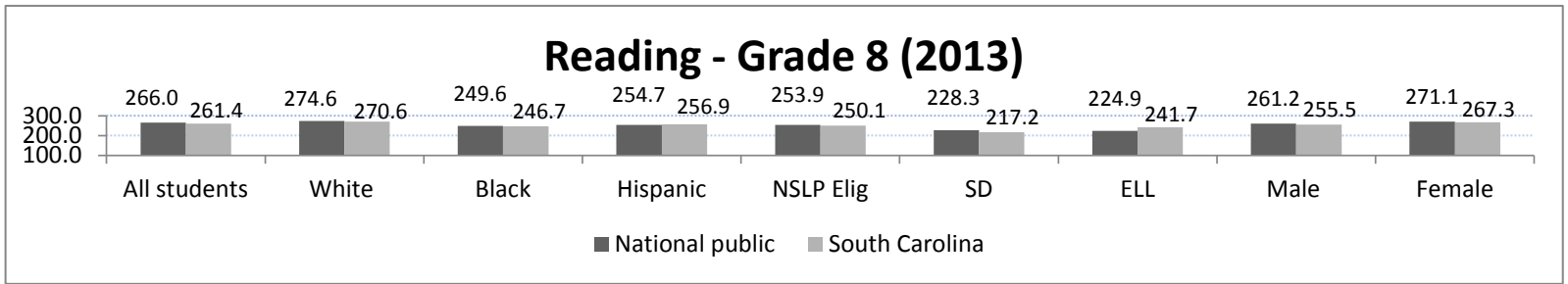
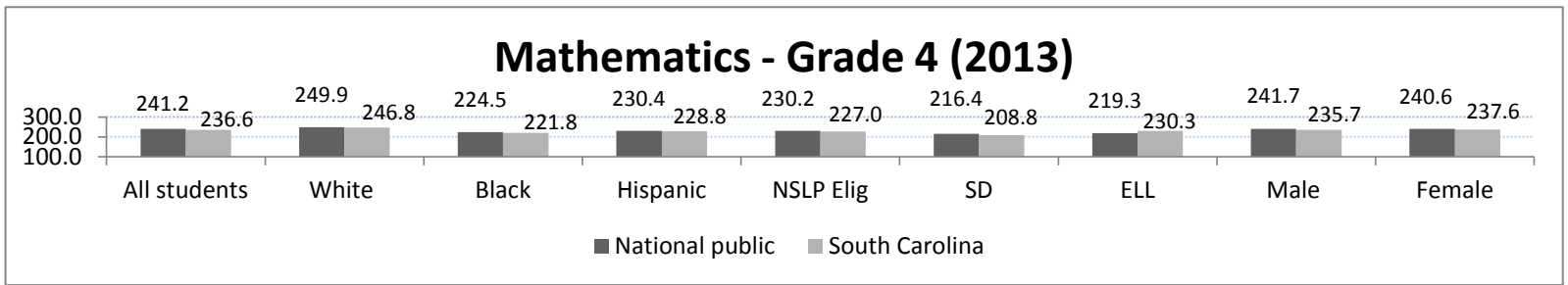
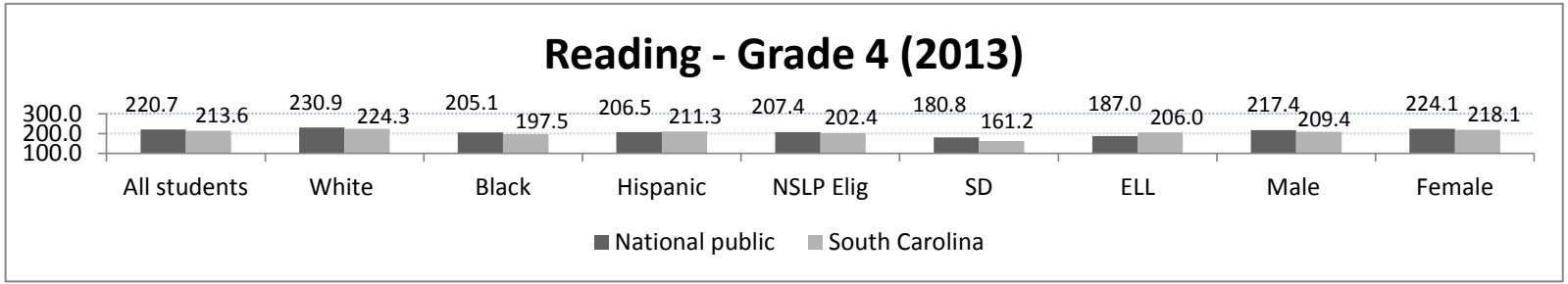
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Key

- 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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