

Bluffton Middle

30 New Mustang Road
Bluffton, SC 29910

Grades	6-7 Middle School	
Enrollment	1,076 Students	
Principal	Pat Freda	843-707-0700
Superintendent	Dr. Jeffrey Moss	843-322-2300
Board Chair	Bill Evans	843-322-2357

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	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	N/A	N/A

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

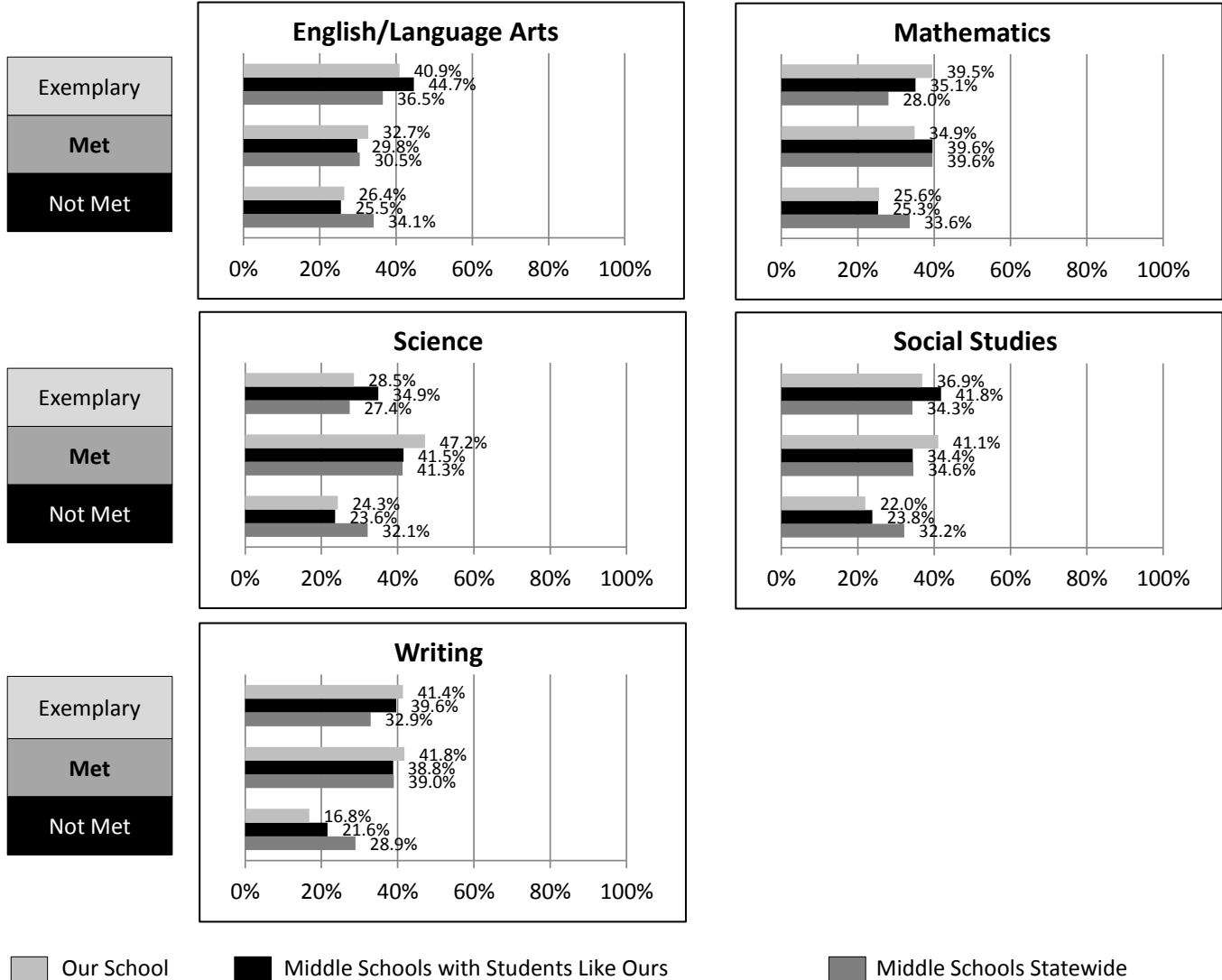
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 93.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
16	14	9	1	0

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

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle 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	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 1,076)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	9.0%	Up from 8.8%	33.3%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	98.4%	Up from 97.8%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	32.8%	Up from 29.0%	23.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	9.0%	Up from 8.3%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	No change	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 1.0%	0.8%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Down from 58.5%	60.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	48.5%	Down from 61.5%	77.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.1%	N/A	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 95.2%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,834	Down 1.7%	\$48,058	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	16.2 days	Up from 12.3 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	No change	22.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.7%	Up from 91.8%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Poor	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.5%	Down from 99.9%	99.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,208	Up 27.5%	\$6,926	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.4%	Down from 66.0%	63.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.8%	Up from 62.0%	62.7%	61.3%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	98.0%
English 1	N/A	97.6%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	97.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Bluffton Middle School has completed a 4th successful year being honored with the Palmetto Silver Award with recognition for closing the achievement gap. The many who have contributed to this achievement include dedicated staff, supportive parents, community members, and business partners. We continue to make gains in MAP testing, scoring above the district mean average and on grade level percentage. After School Tutoring Programs (including SPED and ESOL) continue to provide student support along with Read 180, System 44, and Rosetta Stone.

We continue to expand and grow as a PLTW/GTT school of choice. An additional GTT teacher will accommodate the increased student interest. Two teachers were recipients of grants; \$500 Innovative Grant from the Foundation For Academic Excellence and a \$750 Bright Ideas Grant for Robotics both supporting our technology focus. Students are looking forward to the implementation of the 1 to 1 Take Home Device Program this upcoming year.

Bluffton Middle continued with our strong PBIS initiative which supported student positive behavior, in conjunction with our Mustang Path, highlighting Respect, Responsibility, Academic Excellence, and Honesty. BLMS students supported community service projects with participation in Pennies for Patients raising \$3538, "Change for Change" contributing \$2109 to the "Race for Ellie", Student Council's fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes Research, and the Ladies/Gentlemen's Club contribution of \$753 for Breast Cancer Awareness. BLMS students had the opportunity to participate in 13 after school clubs, adding chess and drama to the offerings this year.

BLMS had 148 7th graders qualify as Duke TIP scholars and 380 participants in the Science Fair. 14 students advanced to the Sea Island Regional Fair and 1 student placed 1st in Environmental Science. Our annual Geography Bee yielded a 7th grade student competing at the state level, and a 6th grade student placed 1st at the State SCACD Poster Contest, advancing to the national level. 11 BLMS students had art or poetry pieces published in the 2013-14 BCSD River of Words publication. Band students received an excellent rating at the BCSD Concert Festival, an overall excellent rating at Carowinds Music Festival, the Silver Award at the Star Music Festival in Atlanta, and 16 students participated in All-County Band.

We are indebted to our many supporters (SIC, PTO, volunteers) who work tirelessly to support student achievement. Our community business partners are vital to the continued success of BLMS programs and to student academic and emotional growth. We are truly grateful for their assistance in helping our students reach their goals and prepare for the future as college and career ready global learners.

Pat Freda Principal
Duke Champion SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	506	147
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	72.7%	81.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0%	76.0%	76.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	84.0%	81.4%	60.3%

* Only students at the highest middle 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	81.1
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)

Bluffton Middle 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	8.1	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	19.2	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.2%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	98.4%	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 6-8							
All Students	633.6	644.6	638.8	639.2	99.9	99.9	100.0
Male	628.5	644.6	637.8	643.8	99.8	99.8	100.0
Female	638.9	644.6	639.9	634.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	651.5	663.8	656.9	653.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	611.7	618.0	616.8	622.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	616.0	626.5	619.9	626.1	99.7	99.7	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.8	587.0	581.6	601.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	607.9	617.3	613.4	620.2	99.7	99.7	100.0
Subsidized Meals	616.3	626.1	621.0	624.8	99.8	99.8	100.0
Migrant	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

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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	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV	
6	532	639.2	99.6	532	646.8	99.6	
7	480	629.3	99.8	480	642.6	99.6	
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	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
6	266	625.0	98.5	265	654.8	98.9	
7	479	632.0	99.6	479	634.6	99.6	
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	546	636.4	99.8	546	640.9	98.4	
7	543	630.7	100.0	543	648.3	98.5	
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	269	624.0	98.2	276	646.7	98.6	
7	543	646.2	98.5	543	635.4	98.5	
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 0701035

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	644.3	653.8	625.0	639.2	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	639.7	654.9	626.2	641.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	649.1	652.7	623.8	636.6	99.8	99.7	99.9	N/A
White	667.6	681.4	649.5	658.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
African American	618.0	620.2	598.2	616.5	99.7	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.7	710.5	666.4	666.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	632.1	641.9	611.4	631.4	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	600.7	587.1	607.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	629.2	639.8	608.2	629.1	99.7	99.7	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.1	633.3	608.1	624.2	99.7	99.7	99.8	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	626.2	637.0	631.3	633.8	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	618.1	635.2	630.9	635.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	634.2	638.8	631.8	631.8	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	650.3	659.4	652.4	654.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
African American	602.1	610.3	610.7	613.6	99.9	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.1	685.8	670.7	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	609.1	626.0	614.9	619.0	99.9	99.9	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	564.1	582.1	577.1	591.2	99.8	100.0	99.1	N/A
Limited English Proficient	599.2	617.8	606.0	612.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	607.0	618.1	614.2	617.2	99.9	99.9	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	232.3	226.8	83.1	75.3	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.3
Male	228.4	227.2	83.6	75.7	98.5	98.8	100.0	73.5
Female	236.2	226.3	82.6	74.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.7
White	241.7	237.9	88.6	79.8	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.0
African American	220.7	211.7	75.7	69.3	98.7	99.1	100.0	74.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.4
Hispanic	225.7	221.3	80.5	73.2	98.1	98.1	100.0	72.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.2	194.9	67.5	63.0	98.3	98.3	100.0	40.1
Limited English Proficient	218.0	213.7	76.2	69.6	98.9	98.9	100.0	68.4
Subsidized Meals	223.2	215.9	77.9	71.0	99.0	99.3	100.0	71.4
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 0701035

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	16

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