

Alston Middle School

500 Bryan Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment 931 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL
REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Good	Good
2010	Good	Good

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

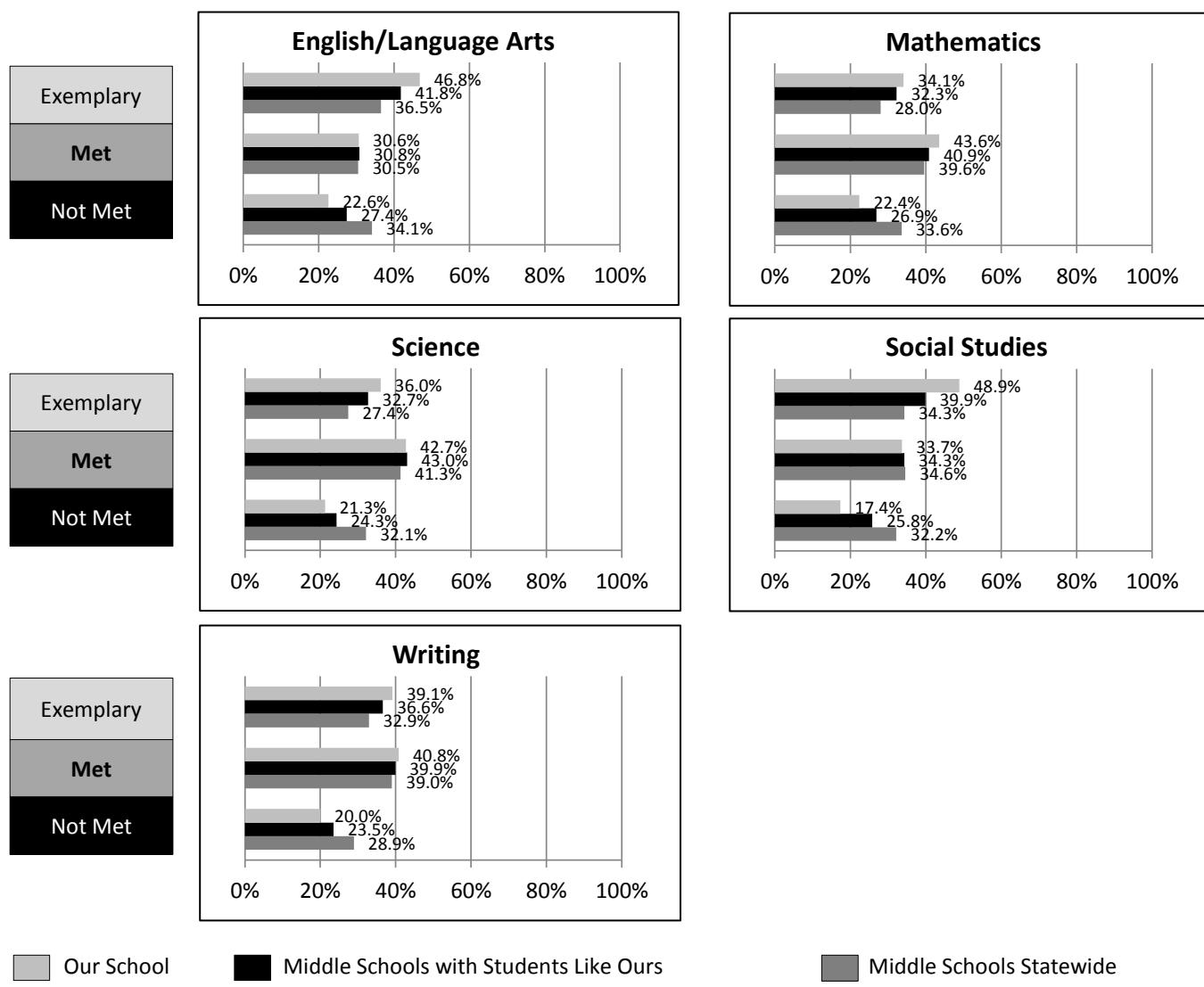
95.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	20	17	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 = 931)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	38.5%	Up from 34.0%	30.8%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.9%	Down from 1.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.9%	Up from 96.3%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.5%	Up from 19.2%	21.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	11.4%	Down from 12.4%	11.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	No change	4.1%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.7%	Down from 4.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.7%	Up from 45.0%	63.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	72.2%	Up from 60.0%	80.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.8%	Down from 83.4%	88.2%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Up from 92.4%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,925	Up 0.7%	\$48,292	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.8 days	Up from 10.3 days	10.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.0 to 1	Up from 22.6 to 1	23.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 87.0%	90.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.4%	Down from 98.4%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,370	Up 0.0%	\$7,094	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.9%	Down from 61.0%	62.8%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.5%	Up from 55.0%	61.4%	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%	97.8%
English 1	95.9%	97.9%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.0%	97.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

During the 2013-2014 school year, Alston Middle School focused on accomplishing two main objectives: first, improving our school's programs and instructional practices with the goal of helping all students obtain the 21st century skills needed to become college and career ready; second, deepening our commitment to be a community school.^②

Our staff and stakeholders focused on instructional programs and practices which directly assist students to become college and career ready. Boeing, the University of South Carolina, and AMS cooperated to establish a new pre-engineering program, Gateway to Technology (GTT). Chick-fil-A partnered with our special education program to establish a real-world employment opportunity for our students with special needs. Google offered an after-school program to teach students how to program computers and write applications for a variety of devices. Additionally, our PTSA donated over \$1750 to teachers to support instruction in the classroom.^②

Next, our stakeholders rallied to provide our students with the social and emotional supports necessary to be successful socially and academically. AMS partnered with the Boeing/MUSC Health and Wellness program with the goal of creating new practices and policies that will improve the overall health and well-being of students and faculty while at school.

Numerous volunteer coaches and staff members volunteered countless hours supporting our athletic teams. All of our teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and determination throughout the entire athletic season. Our boys' football and basketball teams each made it to the final playoffs, and our boys' wrestling team ended the season as undefeated champions!^②

Lastly, AMS made a concerted effort to give back to our community. Our faculty raised over \$1400 for the United Way. Students provided the local community two opportunities to enjoy fine arts performances, with the musical "Aladdin" and a haunted house tribute to Shakespeare. AMS participated in community events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Summerville Farmers' Market, Miracle League, and Relay for Life.

As we look to the future, AMS is prepared to take on the challenges that a new state testing system and the transition to more rigorous learning standards will bring. We embrace the need to develop a curriculum and core set of instructional strategies that will prepare students to be both college and career ready as well as provide them with the life skills necessary to be productive citizens in the 21st century.^②

In summary, we take exceptional pride in the diversity of the programs we offer, in the quality of our teachers, and in the participation of our parents and community members. We know and understand that involvement and support from our families, students, and community stakeholders are essential to our success. The 2014-2015 school year promises to be one of continued growth and success. ^②

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Thad Schmenk, Principal^②

Amanda Hodges, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	258	83
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.3%	69.4%	85.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.1%	63.4%	75.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.3%	80.2%	68.0%

* 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	83.9
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 state's expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Alston Middle 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.
X	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	0.4	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	96.9%	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	640.4	641.7	643.7	655.7	100.0	100.0	99.7
Male	634.8	643.5	650.8	664.1	100.0	100.0	99.4
Female	646.1	639.7	636.2	647.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	655.6	656.0	658.3	668.4	100.0	100.0	99.4
African American	617.4	618.7	617.1	634.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	616.4	622.6	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	592.6	596.5	608.9	599.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.7	624.4	630.1	640.3	100.0	100.0	99.7
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

* 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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A
2013	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	299	646.6	100.0	299	656.5	100.0
	7	313	632.2	99.7	313	634.6	99.7
	8	274	638.8	99.6	274	634.1	99.6
	SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History			
	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	150	632.4	100.0	155	664.8	100.0
	7	313	631.4	99.7	313	641.4	99.7
	8	136	639.1	99.3	138	642.2	99.3

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014	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	295	640.3	100.0	295	636.8	100.0
	7	301	645.7	100.0	301	642.4	100.0
	8	310	635.3	99.4	310	645.5	99.4
	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
	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	145	627.5	99.3	152	646.7	100.0
	7	299	650.1	100.0	296	664.6	99.7
	8	156	646.5	99.4	153	647.4	100.0

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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	1802011
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	658.0	660.6	634.1	659.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	653.4	660.6	634.4	662.5	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	663.1	660.5	633.7	656.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	670.7	675.3	646.7	672.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	636.1	633.7	610.7	638.2	99.9	100.0	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	668.7	684.3	651.0	672.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	649.6	650.6	627.4	645.8	99.2	99.5	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.4	656.1	637.2	638.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	605.8	604.5	588.5	617.4	99.4	99.7	99.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	644.1	653.4	615.0	644.7	100.0	99.6	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	640.9	640.7	617.6	640.8	99.8	99.9	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	643.8	645.7	650.0	656.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	636.1	643.4	650.9	660.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	651.3	647.9	649.0	652.7	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
White	656.9	659.2	664.6	669.7	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	620.5	620.7	623.4	633.3	99.9	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.2	681.6	680.1	687.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	635.9	637.5	642.8	648.2	99.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	661.6	651.2	665.2	671.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	586.9	591.0	597.3	602.9	100.0	100.0	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.7	636.0	634.6	642.5	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.5	625.6	630.7	637.9	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	233.1	227.7	85.3	78.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	84.5
Male	230.2	228.8	85.5	79.2	99.3	99.4	100.0	79.9
Female	236.1	226.5	85.2	77.0	99.4	99.4	100.0	89.6
White	238.1	234.9	89.5	80.9	99.4	99.3	100.0	87.0
African American	223.0	212.2	77.5	73.1	99.1	99.5	100.0	80.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.6	240.5	90.6	81.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.7
Hispanic	228.2	225.0	82.0	78.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.3
With Disabilities	207.2	199.8	71.1	68.9	97.5	97.5	100.0	44.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	75.6	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	82.1
Subsidized Meals	225.8	216.9	80.4	73.8	99.4	99.4	100.0	75.3
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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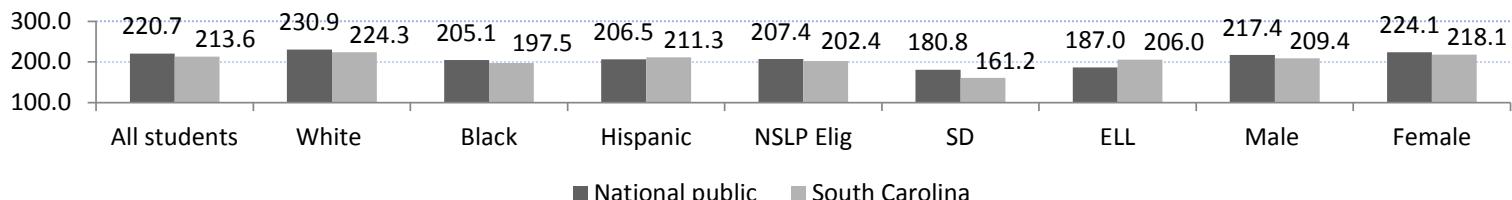
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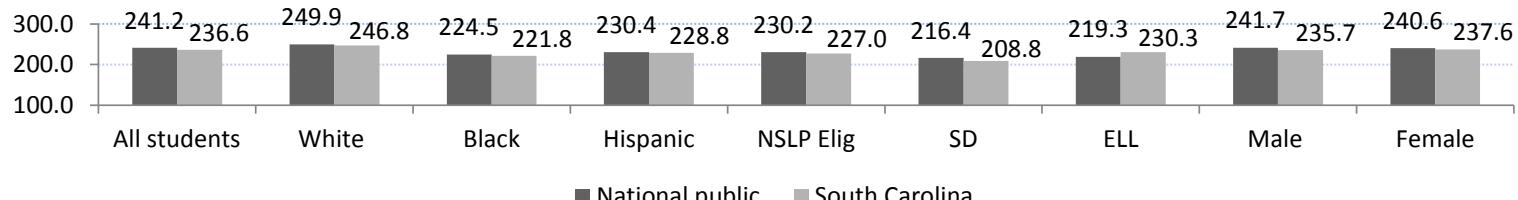
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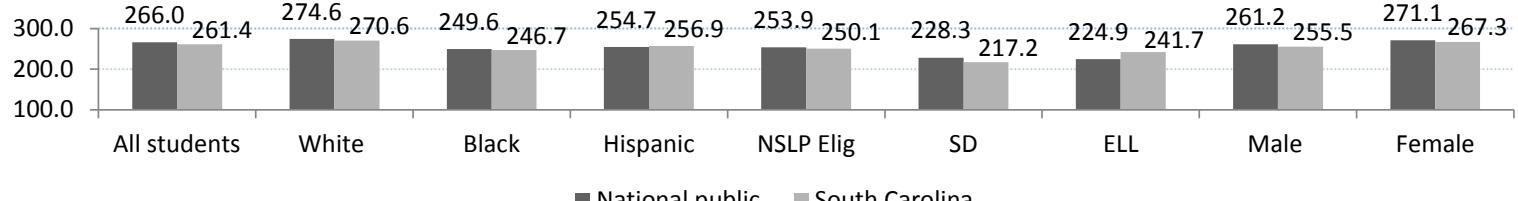
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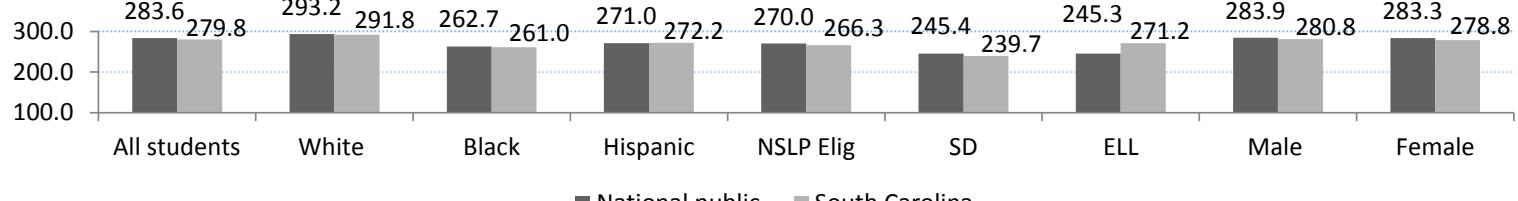
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



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

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample