



River Oaks Middle School

8642 River Oaks Drive
North Charleston, SC 29420

Grades	6-8 Middle School
Enrollment	1,030 Students
Principal	Scott B. Matthews
Superintendent	Joseph R. Pye
Board Chair	Gail Hughes

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	Average	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

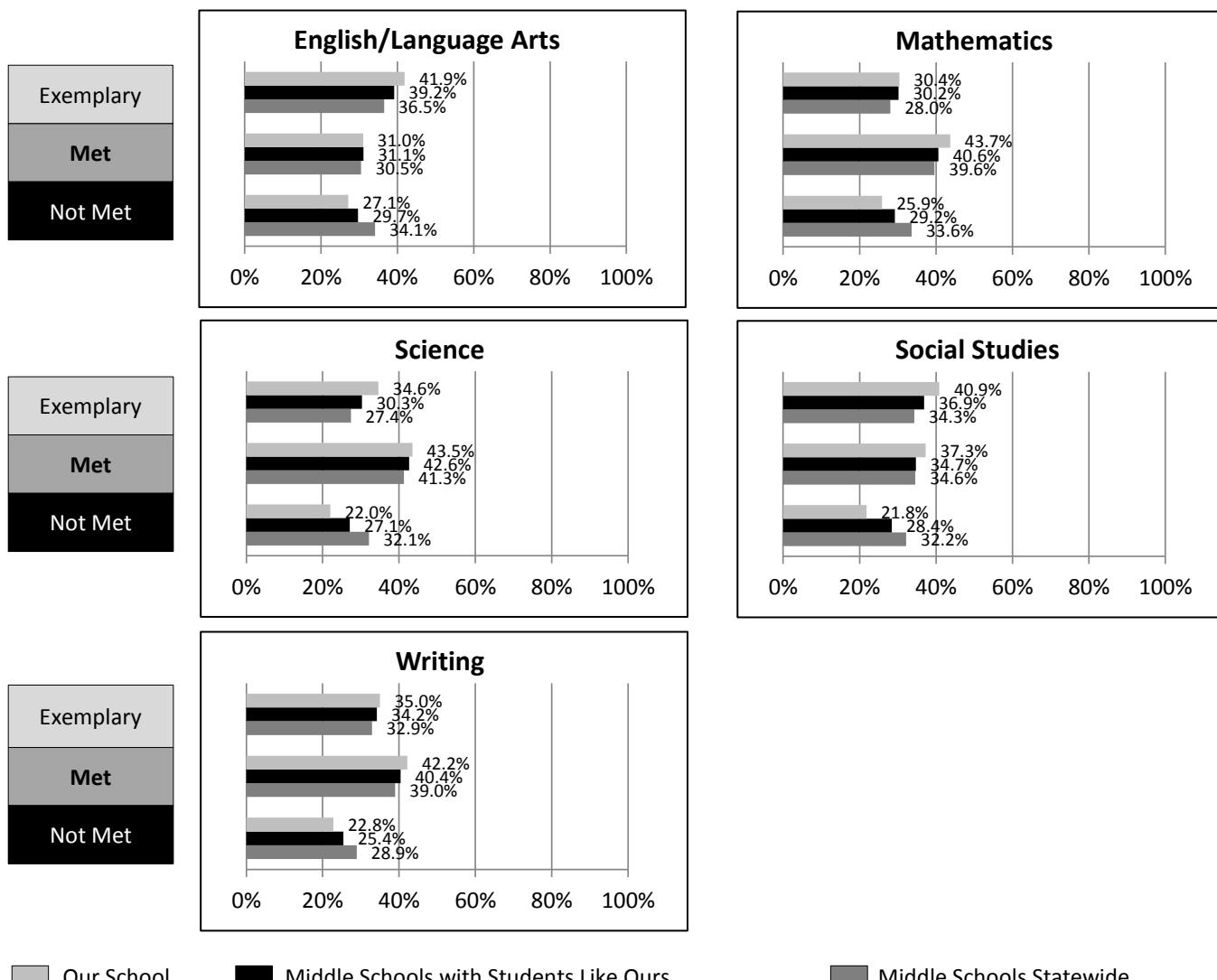
95.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*



* 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 = 1,030)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	50.4%	Up from 44.5%	35.7%	26.0%
Retention Rate	1.4%	Down from 1.5%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	97.5%	Up from 97.1%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.4%	Up from 15.8%	21.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	8.2%	Up from 7.9%	12.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.8%	Up from 4.7%	4.6%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Up from 1.2%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.1%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 57)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.6%	Down from 50.8%	64.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	73.7%	Up from 69.5%	80.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.2%	Down from 82.6%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.1%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$42,576	Up 2.0%	\$48,406	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Up from 9.5 days	11.0 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	Down from 24.1 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Down from 92.0%	90.1%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 99.5%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,377	Down 0.4%	\$7,299	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.4%	Down from 58.0%	62.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.8%	Down from 57.0%	61.2%	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%	98.4%
English 1	96.4%	95.4%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.2%	98.0%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The mission of River Oaks Middle School is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences that enable them to reach their fullest potential as independent thinkers as well as responsible and productive citizens. Nestled in a beautiful neighborhood along the Ashley River in southern Dorchester County, River Oaks Middle School was founded seven years ago on three guiding principles; Excellence, Innovation, and Relationships. The faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a safe environment in order to maximize the academic, creative, athletic, and emotional potential of each student. River Oaks Middle School offers a rigorous, relevant, and challenging curriculum that advances the learning of all students. Our students continue to progress in all academic areas as evidenced by our SCPASS data and District Benchmark data. River Oaks Middle School is the proud recipient of the 2012-2013 Palmetto Silver Award for student achievement and received an A rating on the 2012-2013 Federal Report Card.¶

For the 2013-2014 school year, River Oaks Middle School placed a great emphasis on health and wellness by participating in the School Health Initiative sponsored by MUSC and Boeing. A wellness committee made up of various stakeholders spear-headed our efforts to increase the overall well-being of our faculty, staff, and students. For example, we installed a walking track and volleyball court in our student recess area. We also encouraged students to drink more water and offered healthier choices during lunch and courtyard time.¶

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Courses and after-school offerings at River Oaks are as plentiful and diverse as our student population. We offer classes in piano, guitar, dance, physical education, band, strings, steel drums, chorus, keyboarding, visual arts, and Spanish. Also, students have the opportunity to participate in National Junior Beta Club, QUEST, Robotics, Geography Bee, Dance Team, Step Team, Civil Air Patrol, and many other programs. The Bobcat honor Band and Chorus program performed at Walt Disney World. Our Robotics team had another successful year by qualifying for the state competition.¶

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River Oaks Middle School also offers our students a chance to participate in football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and softball. All seven teams had a successful year with the football, volleyball, and boys' basketball teams winning district championships. The girls' basketball team finished the season as runner up in the district championship. River Oaks Middle School continues to be focused on the education of the whole child in order to prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century.¶

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Scott Matthews, Principal¶

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Tara Elzer, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	62	306	127
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.1%	76.8%	85.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	77.2%	84.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.3%	86.4%	62.7%

* 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	84.6
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)

River Oaks 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	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.5%	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	632.6	635.5	641.5	640.9	99.9	99.8	99.6
Male	626.2	633.2	641.2	643.4	100.0	99.8	99.7
Female	639.2	638.0	641.9	638.3	99.8	99.8	99.4
White	656.4	659.0	668.0	659.8	100.0	99.7	100.0
African American	616.7	619.3	623.2	627.3	99.8	99.8	99.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.2	625.9	631.7	631.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	583.3	586.3	598.1	598.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	628.6	633.7	629.6	642.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	620.4	622.5	626.9	627.7	99.8	99.8	99.3
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	N/AV
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	312	638.9	100.0	312	642.7	100.0	
	7	363	631.1	100.0	363	638.2	100.0	
	8	324	641.2	99.4	324	643.1	99.4	
	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	154	621.7	99.4	159	649.9	100.0
		7	361	636.9	100.0	363	632.8	100.0
		8	165	649.3	100.0	159	640.0	98.7

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math			
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested	
		3	N/A	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	332	642.9	100.0	332	629.0	99.7	
	7	334	626.3	99.7	334	636.1	99.7	
	8	345	629.0	100.3	344	641.2	99.7	
	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	167	628.0	98.8	169	658.0	98.8
		7	333	644.1	99.7	333	632.6	99.7
		8	170	649.8	99.4	173	640.4	99.4

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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	1802026
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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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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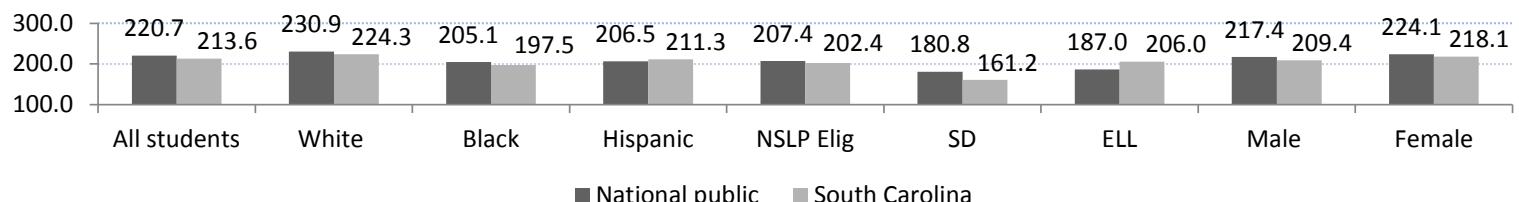
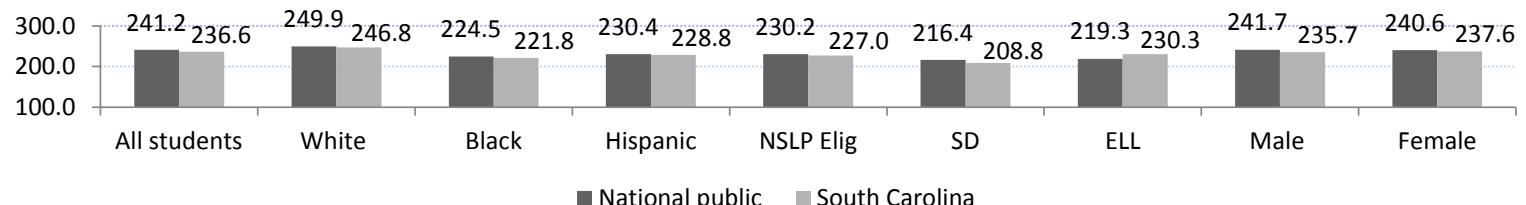
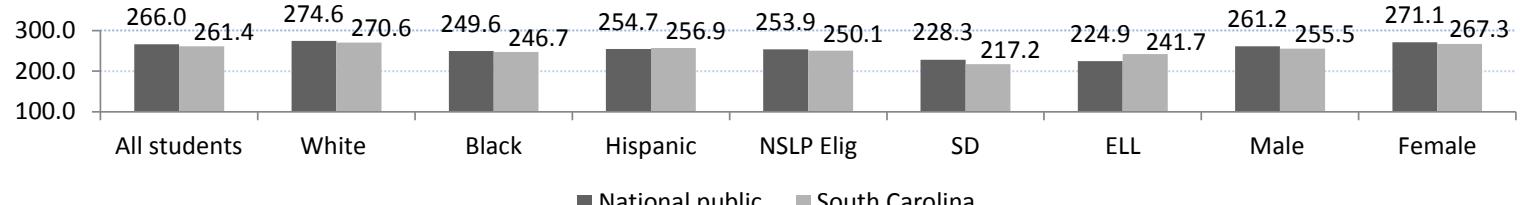
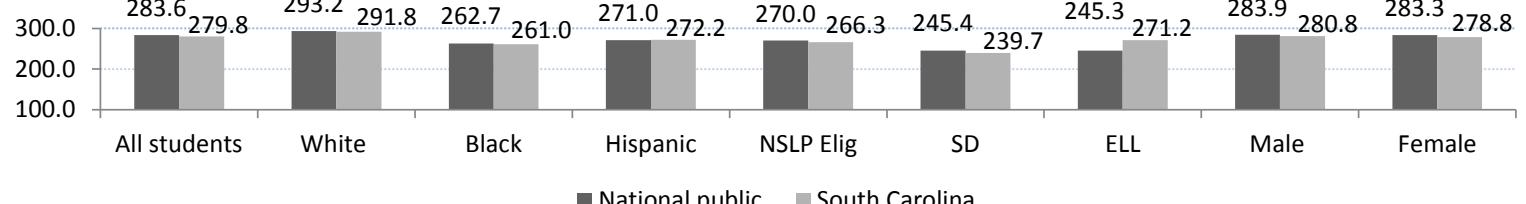
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)**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

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Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample