

Whittemore Park Middle School

1808 Rhue Street
Conway, SC 29527

Grades 6-8 Middle School
Enrollment 653 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	Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average

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

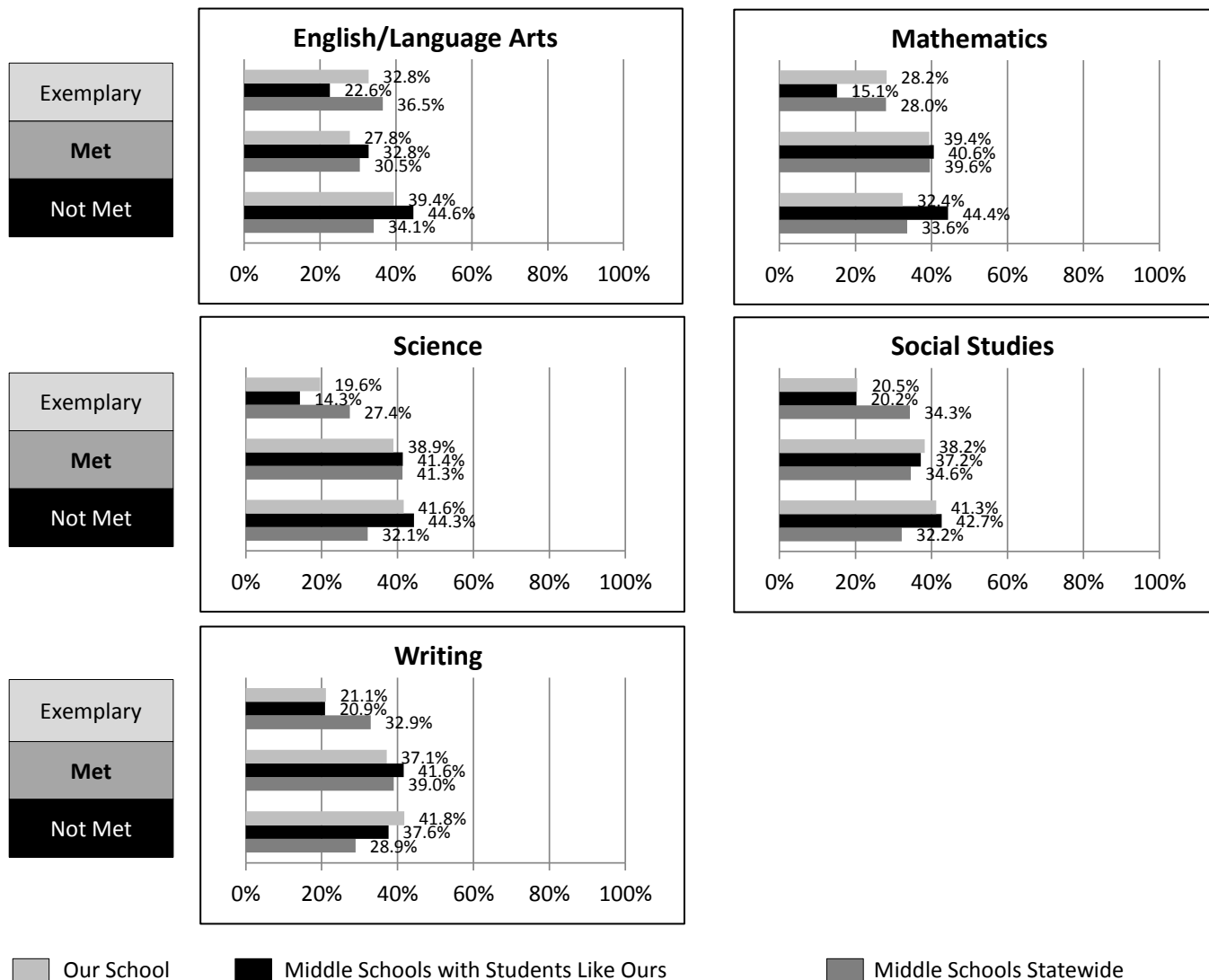
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	34	23	5

* 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 = 653)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	23.3%	Down from 57.7%	17.9%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 95.0%	95.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.9%	Up from 15.2%	11.8%	19.4%
With disabilities	24.7%	Down from 25.5%	14.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Down from 4.3%	6.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.0%	Up from 0.8%	0.9%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.8%	Up from 66.7%	58.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	81.4%	Down from 82.2%	68.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.5%	Up from 86.3%	80.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 96.3%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$53,320	Up 4.1%	\$46,248	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	19.9 days	Up from 16.9 days	11.4 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.5	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.9 to 1	Down from 22.0 to 1	19.8 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 88.9%	89.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.3%	Down from 99.6%	97.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,394	Up 2.4%	\$8,542	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.8%	Down from 64.0%	58.8%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.1%	Up from 55.0%	58.0%	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	97.6%	95.4%
English 1	100.0%	92.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.1%	94.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The students and staff at Whittemore Park have much to celebrate! Our efforts have focused on improving achievement for all students with an emphasis on innovation utilizing 21st century tools. Our school received the SC Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap.☐

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Students at Whittemore Park were recognized for many accomplishments during the past year. Six students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars and twenty students were recognized as Explore Scholars. Sixteen students participated in the Jackson Scholar Mentor Program on the campus of Coastal Carolina University and nineteen students participated in Educational Talent Search on the campus of Horry Georgetown Technical College. Over sixty students were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club. Our band, chorus and orchestra programs continued to grow and excel. Thirteen students were named All-County Chorus, ten students were named all County Band and our orchestra program received a rating of Superior in competition. Students received iPads and laptops to allow access to personal learning pathways. The student and staff leadership team worked with the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations to explore ways to engage the community. Our students and staff participated in a record number of service learning projects that assisted organizations representing our community, our state, our nation, and our world.☐

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Our staff members continued to grow professionally by participating in continuous professional development and graduate coursework. Danielle Watson was selected as Teacher of the Year. Two teachers presented at a statewide meeting for TransformSC. As a result of Whittemore Park being named one of six pilot sites in SC for innovation, we hosted visitors from across the state and nation.☐

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Thanks to the generous support of our community, PTO and parents, we were able to provide recognition items for our students. Our staff, PTO, School Improvement Council and administration will remain dedicated to our goal of innovation and excellence. ☐

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Judy Beard, Principal☐

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Terri Poston, School Improvement Council Chairman

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	188	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	78.7%	87.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.1%	77.7%	85.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5%	85.5%	70.0%

* 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	67.8
Overall Grade Conversion	D

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)

Whittemore Park 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.
X	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.
	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	2.5	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.8	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.8%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.8%	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	615.3	628.8	615.2	614.8	99.4	99.8	98.6
Male	604.3	621.9	614.7	611.4	99.2	99.7	99.2
Female	629.2	637.4	616.0	619.2	99.7	100.0	97.8
White	631.5	642.8	632.0	631.5	99.4	99.7	98.5
African American	597.6	611.7	597.4	593.4	99.3	100.0	99.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	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
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	566.7	580.4	573.9	578.7	98.1	99.4	98.1
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	608.3	622.2	608.9	607.2	99.5	99.8	98.6
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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	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	191	613.6	98.4	191	635.0	98.4
	7	207	613.1	99.5	207	632.1	99.5
	8	224	620.3	99.6	224	618.8	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	93	600.8	100.0	96	613.7	99.0
	7	207	619.7	99.5	207	605.6	99.5
	8	112	614.4	100.0	112	631.2	98.2

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	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	245	618.2	98.4	248	630.0	99.6
	7	193	612.9	100.0	193	630.2	100.0
	8	218	614.1	100.0	218	626.2	100.0
		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	121	612.3	97.6	121	615.2	97.6
	7	190	618.8	99.5	193	604.3	100.0
	8	106	612.6	98.1	107	632.9	97.3

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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 2601013

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	653.4	661.5	634.3	654.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	649.1	662.4	635.1	657.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	658.0	660.5	633.5	651.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	664.6	674.7	646.2	664.3	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	626.3	629.6	605.9	630.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	672.7	688.8	656.0	674.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	642.4	648.5	623.9	645.3	99.3	99.9	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	650.7	643.0	633.2	634.6	98.5	98.5	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	607.0	607.0	593.4	615.5	99.0	99.4	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	641.6	651.0	622.5	647.7	99.3	100.0	99.7	N/A
Subsidized Meals	641.2	646.5	622.1	641.9	99.6	99.7	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	631.7	642.1	644.2	644.6	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
Male	624.8	639.4	643.0	646.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	639.1	645.1	645.5	642.2	99.9	100.0	99.6	N/A
White	643.0	653.1	656.3	655.1	99.8	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	602.5	612.5	612.1	615.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	654.9	680.3	675.4	680.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	620.5	633.3	633.2	636.7	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	648.9	641.4	647.9	638.2	100.0	100.0	98.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.2	587.7	589.7	596.5	99.5	99.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	614.3	630.5	629.3	632.4	99.7	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.7	627.8	629.5	629.5	99.7	99.8	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	230.4	226.1	84.5	77.0	98.8	98.7	100.0	78.8
Male	226.6	226.2	84.6	78.1	98.5	98.3	100.0	72.3
Female	234.3	226.0	84.3	75.9	99.1	99.1	100.0	85.5
White	235.1	231.3	87.1	78.5	98.9	98.8	100.0	81.8
African American	217.3	210.1	76.2	71.6	98.4	98.1	100.0	69.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	239.6	243.6	89.8	83.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.5
Hispanic	222.1	218.9	80.3	76.2	98.5	98.5	100.0	75.6
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.2
With Disabilities	206.6	200.5	70.4	67.1	96.7	96.3	100.0	43.8
Limited English Proficient	217.1	214.9	78.1	74.3	100.0	99.2	100.0	68.8
Subsidized Meals	224.1	218.5	80.9	73.9	98.6	98.3	100.0	72.1
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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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	0

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