



A.R. Rucker Middle School

422 Old Dixie Road
Lancaster, SC 29720

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	553 Students	
Principal	Phillip N. Mickles	803-416-8555
Superintendent	Dr. Richard E. Moore	803-286-6972
Board Chair	Mr. Robert Parker	803-286-6972

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	Good
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
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.

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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

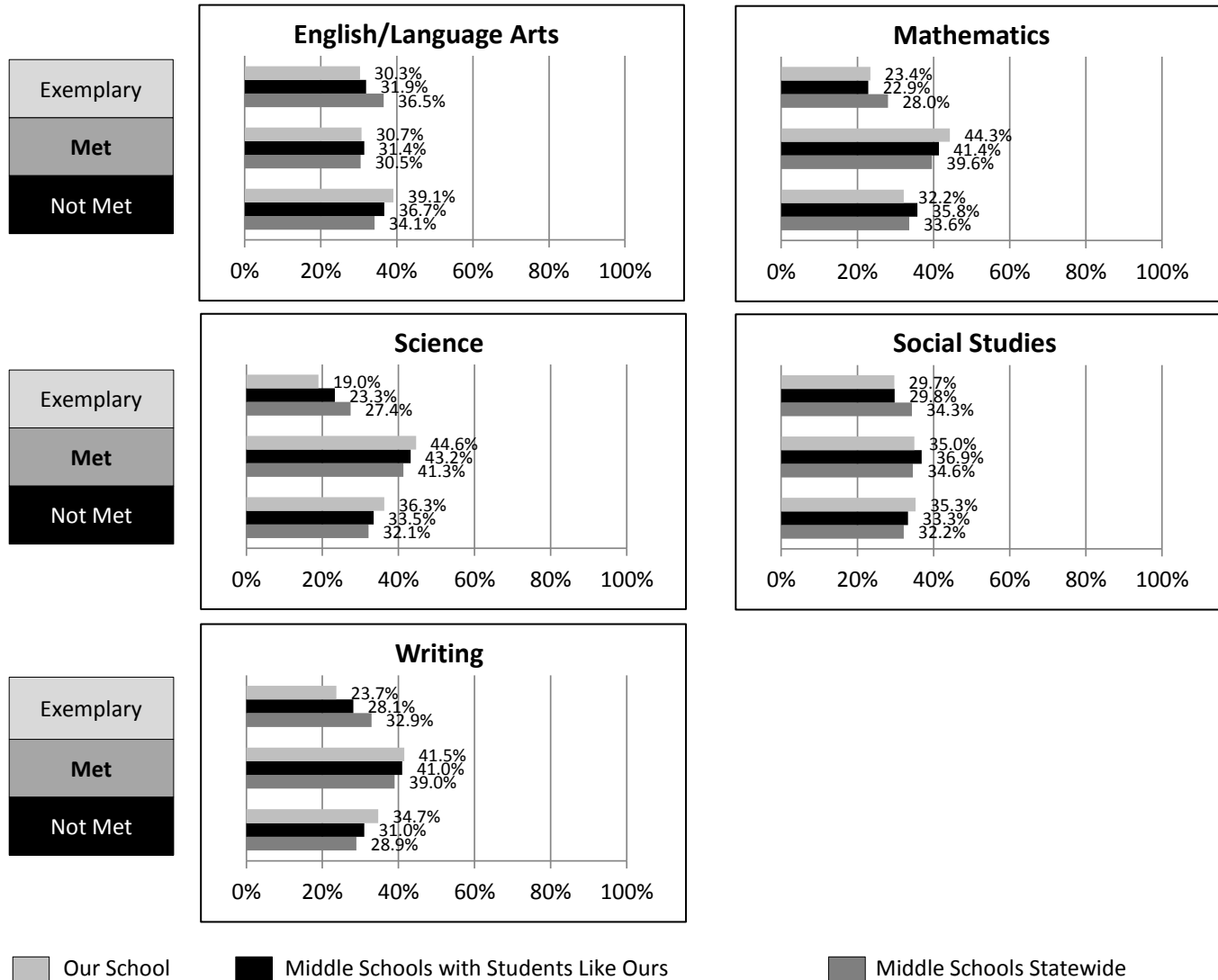
96.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
2	6	51	6	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 = 553)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	24.4%	Down from 41.9%	21.7%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Down from 0.8%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.6%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	14.6%	Up from 12.1%	15.4%	19.4%
With disabilities	17.3%	Down from 17.9%	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.3%	Down from 4.8%	5.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Down from 4.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.5%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.2%	Up from 59.0%	58.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	63.2%	Down from 69.2%	75.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Up from 79.5%	83.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,854	Up 2.9%	\$46,560	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	9.3 days	Up from 5.5 days	12.0 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.3 to 1	Up from 17.0 to 1	20.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 89.0%	90.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Up from 92.6%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,911	Up 11.1%	\$7,520	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	No change	61.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	60.3%	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%	96.9%
English 1	N/A	95.2%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	96.8%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, Aaron Riley Rucker Middle School focused on our theme Ubuntu (oo-BOON-too). Ubuntu is bringing people together. People think of themselves as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. Ubuntu is we Not me! Because of this we were able to achieve Palmetto Silver again. We have attained Palmetto Silver three of the last four years. Our school and many of our students received recognition for their outstanding performances in academics, sports, arts, and much more. The sustained implementation of our International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Programme and focus on literacy helped drive our instruction. More importantly, students discovered how their unique talents, when developed, become pipelines for future careers. Teachers, administrators, counselors, and all other staff members worked together to create a culture that breeds success. We concentrated on learning activities designed to address multiple learning styles and achievement or developmental levels. Although there is still plenty of room for improvement and much work remains to be done, the positive trends in achievement for our students give us greater confidence and serve as a motivating factor to stay the course in our commitment to continuous improvement. ☐

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Phillip Mickles, Principal

Paula Stegall Lail, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	21	170	126
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.8%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.7%	84.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	90.4%	90.1%	67.2%

* 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	71.3
Overall Grade Conversion	C

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)

A.R. Rucker 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.
	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		21	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		15.3	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	24.4%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.4%	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	616.6	624.2	621.3	628.1	99.8	99.8	99.7
Male	606.7	616.8	617.3	627.8	99.7	99.7	100.0
Female	627.3	632.1	625.4	628.4	100.0	100.0	99.4
White	641.1	644.8	641.9	650.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	600.5	610.1	608.9	609.1	99.7	99.7	99.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	597.7	609.2	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	564.2	577.4	584.1	585.0	99.0	99.0	98.6
Limited English Proficient	603.8	619.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	601.7	611.7	611.1	611.4	100.0	100.0	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

	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	163	622.8	100.0	163	639.5	100.0
	7	180	618.0	100.0	180	624.6	100.0
	8	167	607.4	100.0	167	614.0	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	80	619.7	100.0	85	635.6	100.0
	7	180	632.1	100.0	180	613.8	99.4
	8	81	601.1	98.8	85	633.8	97.7

	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	185	618.9	100.0	185	628.5	100.0
	7	178	608.9	100.0	178	623.2	99.4
	8	198	621.4	99.5	198	620.9	99.5
		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	94	618.9	100.0	91	649.4	100.0
	7	176	625.0	98.9	175	603.4	98.9
	8	99	617.0	100.0	99	652.1	99.0

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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	2901003
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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	640.6	640.8	621.7	636.7	99.4	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	635.1	638.8	620.3	638.2	99.2	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	646.2	643.0	623.1	635.1	99.6	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	650.0	652.9	633.2	644.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	619.7	615.9	598.6	619.0	98.7	99.5	99.2	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	683.6	702.7	N/A	N/A	97.4	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	636.6	629.8	609.8	634.6	98.6	100.0	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	596.8	592.5	581.9	606.8	96.9	99.5	98.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.4	631.0	608.1	638.0	98.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.1	622.3	604.8	622.7	99.2	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	627.1	632.3	630.6	629.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	619.9	629.4	630.3	631.9	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Female	634.4	635.3	630.9	627.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	637.9	642.8	640.1	637.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	605.4	610.8	610.0	611.6	99.5	99.5	99.4	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	621.6	625.8	627.0	99.4	100.0	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	576.0	587.3	589.3	592.6	99.0	98.7	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.9	619.0	620.4	626.5	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	609.6	615.3	613.4	614.7	99.7	99.7	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	226.0	219.4	77.5	72.3	98.4	98.4	100.0	82.1
Male	222.1	218.7	77.8	73.3	97.9	97.9	100.0	78.1
Female	230.6	220.2	77.2	71.4	99.0	99.0	100.0	86.4
White	230.4	225.4	80.5	74.0	98.8	98.8	100.0	84.7
African American	215.5	204.9	71.1	68.7	97.6	97.6	100.0	77.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	226.6	220.2	76.6	70.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.3	192.8	66.0	65.6	92.6	92.6	100.0	47.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	75.0	67.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	61.9
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.3	72.8	68.7	97.9	97.9	100.0	73.0
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.

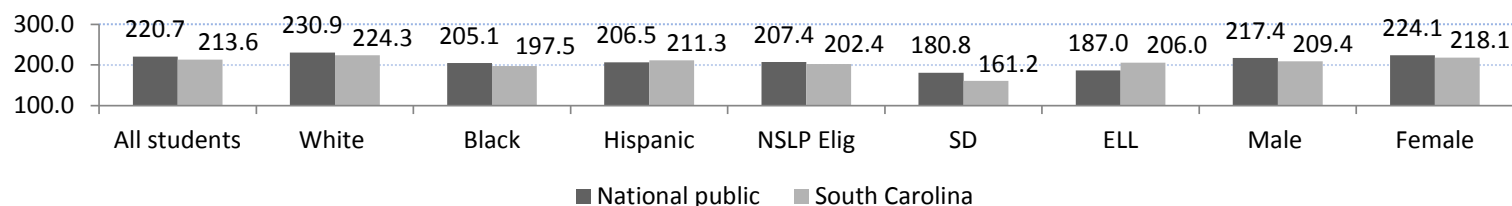
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	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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*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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