

R. H. Fulmer Middle School

1614 Walterboro Street
West Columbia, SC 29170

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	672 Students	
Principal	Megan Carrero	803-822-5660
Superintendent	Dr. Venus J. Holland	803-796-4708
Board Chair	Mr. Bill Bingham, Jr.	803-796-1275

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

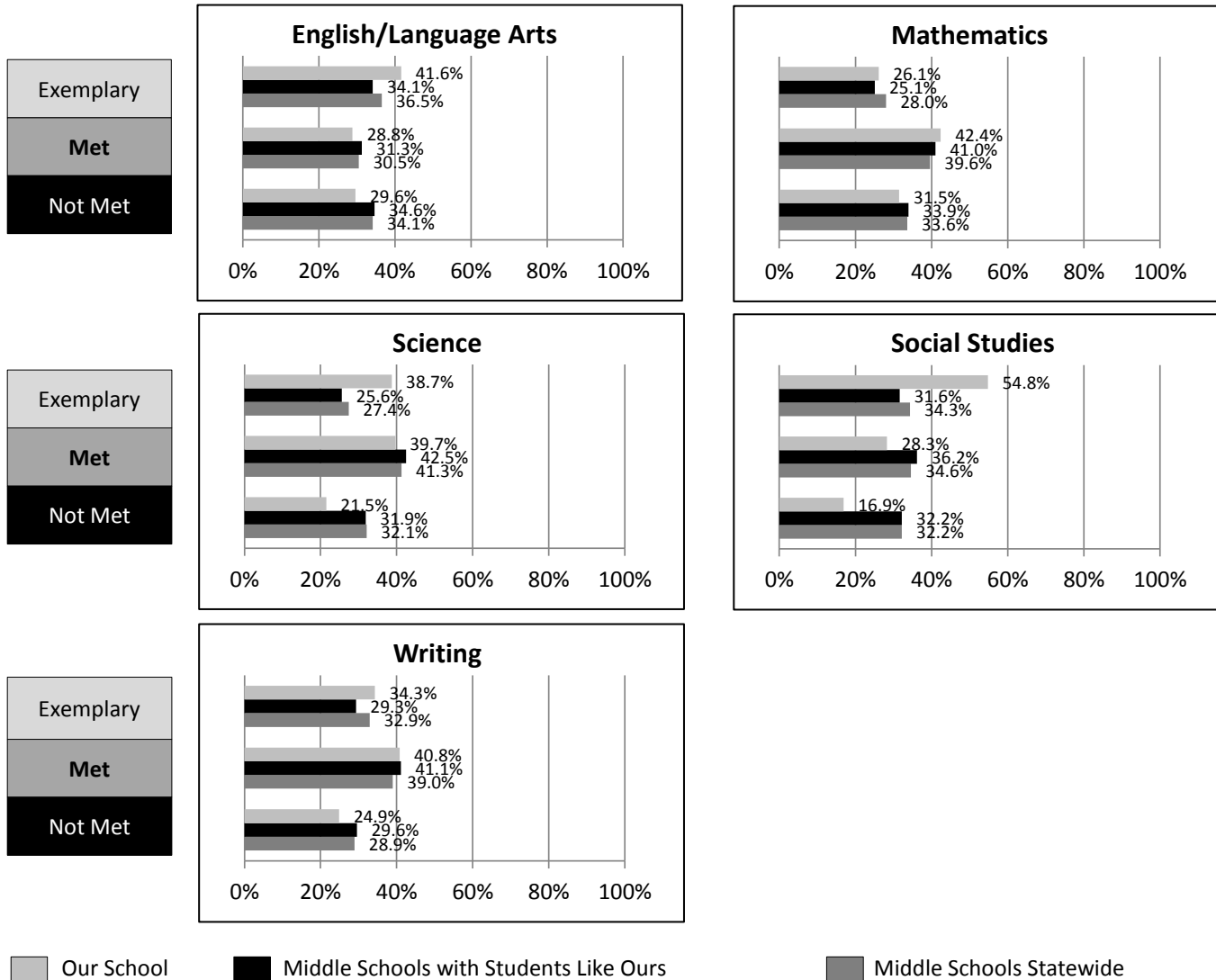
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
3	10	42	5	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 = 672)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	15.7%	Down from 18.4%	24.4%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.3%	Down from 97.2%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	23.8%	Up from 23.1%	18.6%	19.4%
With disabilities	19.2%	Up from 17.1%	13.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.0%	Up from 3.6%	5.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.5%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.8%	Down from 70.7%	60.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	67.4%	Down from 75.6%	77.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.6%	Down from 88.6%	85.2%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 95.6%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,997	Down 0.8%	\$46,460	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 11.2 days	11.8 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Down from 24.2 to 1	21.8 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 92.2%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.8%	Down from 98.0%	98.8%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,992	Down 4.7%	\$7,377	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.5%	Down from 70.0%	61.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.5%	Down from 68.0%	60.5%	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	98.5%	98.0%
English 1	98.6%	97.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.5%	97.6%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The 2013-14 school year brought many successes for the learning community in Fulmer Middle School. We continued to focus on the four key areas of being a National School to Watch, which include being academically excellent, socially equitable, developmentally responsive, and being organized for learning. The doors of Fulmer Middle were opened to schools and districts throughout the state, in order to share with other professionals high quality instruction, interventions, and systems designed for adolescent learners.

Our Fine Arts Department continued to excel in all areas. The visual arts department had numerous students receive recognition through the South Carolina State Fair, and artwork has been featured at a number of local businesses in the Cayce/West Columbia area. The Strings, Band and Choral programs participated in Solo and Ensemble, with a number of students receiving Superior and Excellent ratings.

Our Technology Student Association continued to thrive and finished second at the state competition, with a number of students achieving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in their respective categories.

Students were directly immersed in college and career readiness through field studies at colleges and universities throughout the state including Newberry College, Presbyterian College, Midlands Technical College, as well as STEAM opportunities through Boeing, the WiSER Facility at Clemson University, the Brooks Center for Performing Arts at Clemson University, and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina.

The faculty and staff of Fulmer Middle School is pleased to recognize five National Board Certified teachers, with Sabrina Williams achieve dual National Board certification in English Language Arts and Social Studies. Cassie Herriage, an 8th grade Social Studies teacher, represented Fulmer Middle School as our Teacher of the Year. Megan Carrero, Principal, serves as the Secretary of the South Carolina Association for Middle Level Education, and numerous staff members presented at the annual SC Middle School Association Conference in March 2014. Our staff continues to establish a partnership with the University of South Carolina, Midlands Technical College, and the University of Southern California by serving as a practicum site and clinical site for aspiring teachers.

At Fulmer Middle School, our focus is on student learning. We continually strive to be academically excellent, socially equitable, and developmentally responsive so that all of our students learn in a safe and student-centered environment. We continue to analyze our assessment data for the purpose of improving our practices and to ensure that we continue on our trajectory of excellence.

Mrs. Kimberly Sloan, SIC Chair
Mrs. Megan Carrero, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	186	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	68.8%	76.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.5%	65.9%	78.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.8%	81.8%	65.1%

* 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	83.1
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)

R. H. Fulmer 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	N/A	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.6	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.3%	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	630.5	628.3	645.6	659.5	99.8	99.8	99.1
Male	627.0	628.6	650.9	665.6	100.0	100.0	99.1
Female	634.1	628.0	640.3	653.6	99.7	99.7	99.1
White	639.2	635.5	657.6	665.5	99.7	99.7	98.3
African American	612.3	611.9	622.7	645.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	634.5	633.4	651.1	670.1	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	572.0	580.3	584.0	597.8	99.2	99.2	97.5
Limited English Proficient	633.4	634.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	618.2	617.2	632.1	650.2	99.7	99.7	98.8
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

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	206	629.0	99.5	206	637.3	99.5	
7	216	625.7	99.1	216	632.0	99.5	
8	215	643.4	98.1	215	633.5	98.6	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/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	104	631.7	100.0	101	666.6	100.0	
7	216	639.6	99.5	215	652.4	100.0	
8	106	649.4	100.0	107	664.9	99.1	

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	208	639.1	100.0	208	635.6	100.0	
7	216	625.3	99.5	216	628.1	99.5	
8	223	627.5	100.0	223	621.6	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	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	102	640.5	98.1	103	681.8	99.0	
7	215	645.1	99.1	216	652.3	99.5	
8	109	651.1	100.0	113	652.3	99.1	

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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 3202012

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	635.0	629.8	617.8	633.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	630.5	632.4	619.4	635.7	99.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	639.5	627.0	616.3	631.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	648.5	645.3	632.5	643.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	619.1	607.7	597.8	618.5	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	625.4	625.5	613.2	635.4	100.0	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	614.8	613.5	606.6	622.6	98.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	623.3	625.7	610.9	634.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.0	615.9	604.9	623.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	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	628.1	629.9	635.6	650.3	99.7	99.6	99.0	N/A
Male	622.8	629.8	638.9	653.8	99.7	99.7	99.1	N/A
Female	633.7	630.0	632.4	646.7	99.8	99.6	98.9	N/A
White	643.2	643.2	652.5	663.2	99.8	99.7	98.9	N/A
African American	608.6	610.5	611.7	632.3	99.6	99.6	99.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	647.6	674.2	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	620.5	624.8	632.2	642.1	100.0	99.5	99.3	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.5	580.6	582.7	597.5	99.7	99.1	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	616.6	624.2	629.6	636.4	100.0	99.4	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.0	616.7	619.8	637.5	99.8	99.8	99.0	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	226.1	220.5	80.1	73.7	98.0	97.8	100.0	75.3
Male	222.4	219.0	79.6	74.9	99.7	99.7	100.0	69.6
Female	230.4	222.2	80.7	72.8	96.0	95.7	100.0	81.5
White	234.4	231.0	84.5	76.9	98.3	97.9	100.0	78.2
African American	216.9	208.1	75.0	69.2	97.4	97.4	100.0	70.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.7
Hispanic	219.7	215.3	77.6	69.2	97.9	97.9	100.0	73.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	209.0	205.3	70.3	65.8	93.3	93.3	100.0	41.4
Limited English Proficient	211.4	208.9	72.9	N/A	97.1	97.1	100.0	65.6
Subsidized Meals	219.9	213.3	77.0	71.4	98.0	98.0	100.0	67.4
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 3202012

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	0

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