

Northside Middle School

157 Cougar Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	558 Students	
Principal	Dr. Julia Kaczor	803-739-4190
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	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Good	Good
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

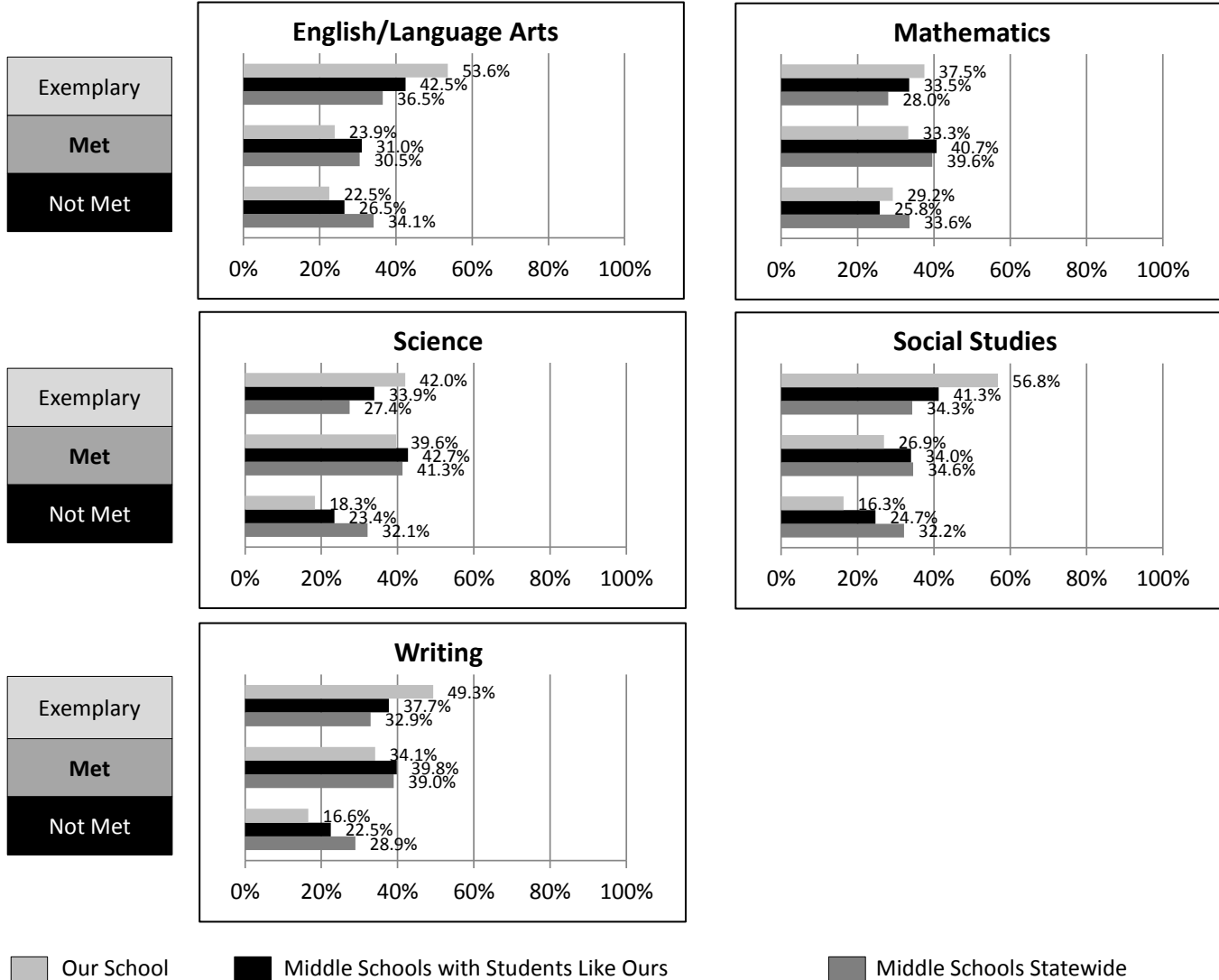
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
12	20	13	0	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 = 558)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	25.7%	Down from 32.2%	35.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 95.8%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	32.9%	Down from 35.4%	23.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.5%	Down from 15.0%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	Down from 1.9%	3.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.4%	Down from 4.8%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 61.5%	60.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	60.0%	Down from 71.8%	80.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	82.4%	Down from 84.1%	87.2%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 94.0%	95.6%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,912	Up 0.1%	\$48,231	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	2.5 days	Down from 14.3 days	12.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.8 to 1	Up from 14.4 to 1	22.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.7%	90.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.9%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,908	Down 1.3%	\$7,144	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.5%	Up from 69.0%	63.1%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.5%	Up from 67.0%	62.0%	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	100.0%	98.3%
English 1	98.9%	98.4%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	99.4%	98.2%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Our mission at Northside Middle School (NMS) is to “nurture and develop successful lifelong learners.” We remain committed to this mission and allow this mission to drive all our decisions. NMS considers itself and the community it serves to be a close-knit family working to provide our students the best educational opportunities possible. ☐

☐ We are indeed proud of the accomplished students and staff members. In 2013-2014, forty-three students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society to give us a total of 80 members. Sixteen students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars. Seventeen students were honored as Myrdis Walker Scholars. Five students were named as Duke Tip scholars. We remain committed to serving the diverse needs of our 560 students. We consistently prove that a school with excellent teachers who regularly use research-based instructional strategies coupled with great parental support can produce outstanding results. Our students’ excellent performance on the 2013 spring administration of PASS earned NMS the Palmetto Silver Award. Northside earned a grade of 87.1 on the Federal ESEA Accountability Rating System indicating our performance exceeds the state standards. Our students continue to excel on high school readiness assessments.☐

☐ This year our students embarked on two new initiatives: Achieve 3000 and A Research Paper construction. Using technological resources, Achieve 3000 is an online reading and writing program that presents students with informational texts at their Lexile levels. Through this program, 95% of our students have seen increased Lexile levels and over 240 students have reached the level of College and Career readiness. We developed curriculum nights to highlight student accomplishments in the ELA, math, science, and social studies classrooms. In addition, all students at Northside have constructed an MLA research paper. Student interest-based research papers were written by each student during the first semester of school. Using our technological resources of Chromebooks, iPads, iPods, iMacs, and Dell PCs, students analyzed the reliability of sources and cited evidence on their topics.☐

☐ We are proud to consider the whole child at Northside. We enjoy watching our students grow as artists, actors, authors, musicians, and scientists. Our students demonstrate a commitment to our community participating in food drives for Harvest Hope, Spruce Up day at Northside, Hoops for Heart for the American Heart Association, Jeans for Teens for homeless teenagers, and our staff contributes in the United Way campaign. We recognize our community’s veterans as our students invite a veteran to lunch. Our parents and community members volunteer in many programs at Northside to include mentoring opportunities, incentive programs, chaperoning Field Trips and school dances, and helping at Field day. ☐

☐ We, at Northside, attribute our accomplishments to the dedicated community of parents, staff, administration, and Lexington County School District Two leadership. We truly believe that “Nothing Motivates Like Success!”

☐ Renae Toth, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	159	87
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.5%	67.3%	75.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.3%	72.3%	75.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	91.4%	82.4%	65.5%

* 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	79.9
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)

Northside 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	6.5%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.9%	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	643.6	640.2	648.8	662.3	99.6	99.3	99.7
Male	638.6	642.9	653.6	669.5	99.6	99.6	100.0
Female	648.9	637.4	644.3	654.7	99.6	98.9	99.5
White	665.1	661.1	667.1	681.4	100.0	99.6	100.0
African American	616.9	611.2	621.3	637.5	98.9	98.9	99.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	614.8	611.3	628.4	623.4	100.0	98.6	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.5	574.7	591.2	595.3	100.0	97.3	100.0
Limited English Proficient	611.8	615.3	630.2	629.4	100.0	98.6	100.0
Subsidized Meals	618.8	615.1	624.6	635.4	99.6	99.6	99.5
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	193	641.0	100.0	193	623.3	100.0	
7	186	638.9	100.0	186	642.2	100.0	
8	191	646.3	100.0	191	644.2	100.0	
		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	98	635.4	100.0	95	676.7	100.0	
7	186	650.5	100.0	186	653.2	100.0	
8	97	638.6	100.0	94	658.5	100.0	

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	176	645.9	100.0	175	635.5	98.3	
7	182	644.0	99.5	182	641.3	98.9	
8	184	641.8	99.5	183	643.7	98.4	
		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	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	89	644.9	100.0	87	676.7	97.8	
7	182	653.0	98.9	182	657.1	98.9	
8	90	644.4	98.9	94	660.2	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 3202020

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 3202020

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	4

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