

Irmo Middle

6051 Wescott Road
Columbia, SC 29212

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	902 Students	
Principal	Robert S. Jackson	803-476-3600
Superintendent	Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.	803-476-8000
Board Chair	Beth Watson	803-261-7123

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	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	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

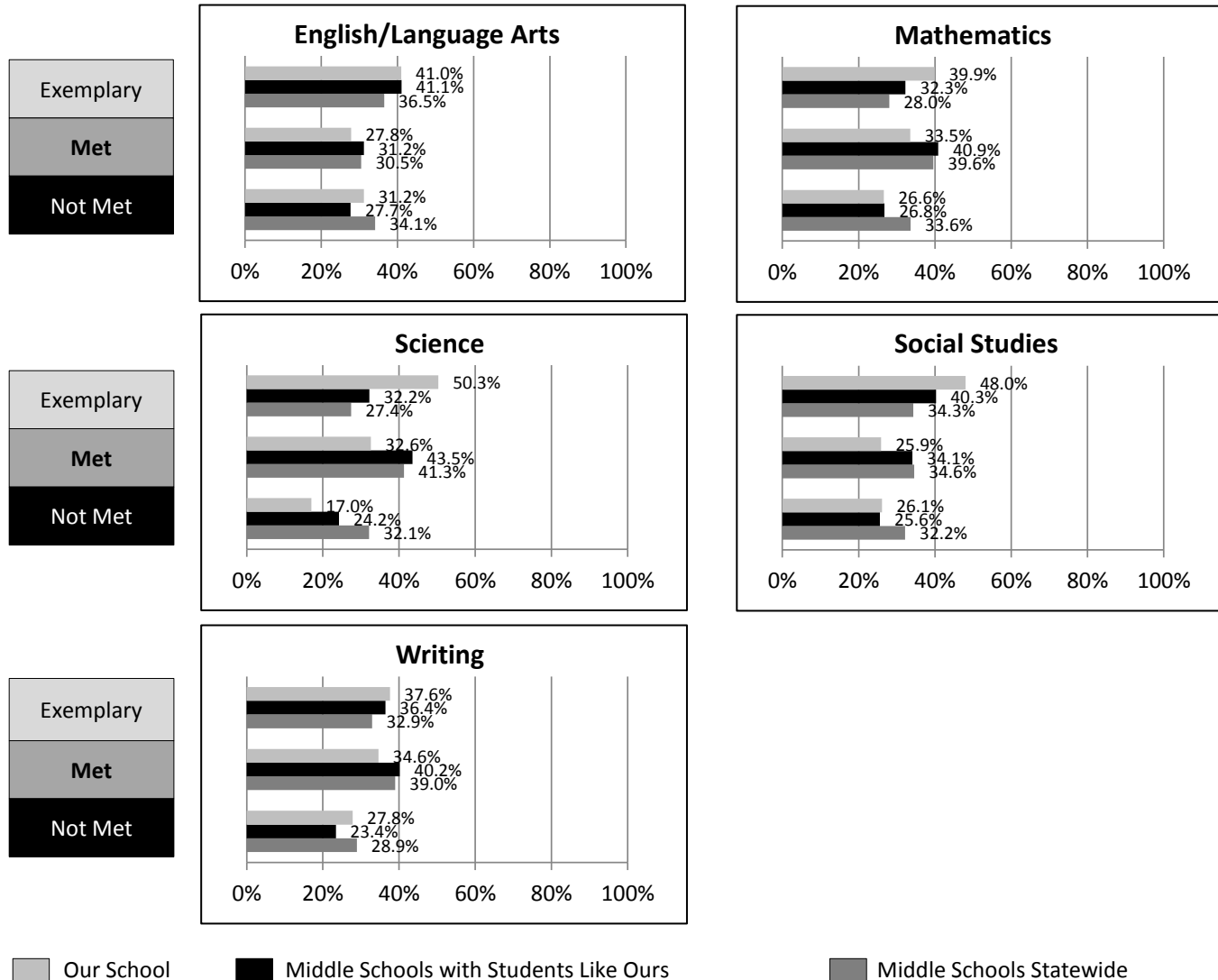
96.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
9	19	16	1	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 = 902)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	38.3%	Down from 58.1%	32.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	1.1%	Up from 0.8%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.3%	96.1%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	34.4%	Up from 32.8%	21.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	17.2%	Down from 17.8%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	3.8%	Up from 3.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.7%	Up from 4.0%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 64)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	84.4%	No change	64.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	92.2%	Down from 93.8%	80.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Up from 88.4%	87.2%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.1%	Down from 93.7%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$54,441	Up 3.0%	\$47,993	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.7 days	Up from 11.6 days	10.1 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	21.6 to 1	Down from 22.0 to 1	23.6 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 88.9%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,348	Up 4.2%	\$7,039	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	Up from 62.0%	62.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.9%	Up from 61.0%	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	98.8%	97.8%
English 1	97.5%	96.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.3%	97.5%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

As one of the highest performing middle schools in South Carolina, Irmo Middle is a 13-time recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for exemplary academic performance and improvement. Irmo Middle consistently proves that a school with supportive parents, hardworking students, and excellent teachers who regularly use research-based instructional strategies can produce outstanding results. In recognition of our excellence, we have again earned an "A" rating under the current federal accountability system and Excellent Absolute and Growth ratings on the state report card. These results continue to demonstrate that Irmo Middle remains one of the top performing schools in the state of South Carolina. ☐

We offer a wide range of high school credit courses in English, mathematics and world languages. Additionally, a significant percentage of our students excel in visual and performing arts through course offerings such as band, chorus, orchestra and dance. To infuse global cultures in all areas of our school, we offer more languages than many middle schools around (Spanish, French, German, and Mandarin Chinese). Along with course opportunities, students enrolled in fine arts courses regularly demonstrate their skill attainment through concerts, theatrical performances, dance recitals, and other school events that are designed to showcase their talents. In the arts, we routinely earn Superior ratings at many of the festivals and competitions, and these results validate the quality of our fine arts programs. Our students also continue to excel on high school readiness assessments. On the EXPLORE and PSAT assessments, record numbers of students met or exceeded performance benchmarks with several achieving perfect scores. This number has risen substantially over the past five years. ☐

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We consider high school, college and career readiness to be critical next steps for our students. To ensure that they are ready, we have successfully transitioned into a whole-school International Academic Magnet and have officially become an Expeditionary Learning School. Our implementation of the International Academic Magnet with Expeditionary Learning as our pedagogical framework will provide opportunities for students to excel through project-based learning that capstones in experiences called learning expeditions. Each student will belong to a smaller subgroup to conduct field studies and action research in order to solve real-world problems, and inquiry-based learning will be facilitated by teachers through the state adopted standards. ☐

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We are fortunate to have a high level of parental and community involvement. Our School Improvement Council and PTSO provide outstanding leadership and support, as well as help provide the future direction of our school. Finally, in order to sustain continued progress, we are continuing with several key school improvement initiatives that are designed to foster gains in student achievement; thus better preparing our students for high school, college and a globally competitive workforce. We are committed to taking on the challenges that face us, and it is with confidence that we commit to serving our students and community in providing the best educational opportunities possible. The outstanding support provided by our stakeholders is a critical factor in our continued success. ☐

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Principal: Robert S. Jackson, Ed.S. ☐

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SIC Chairperson: Mrs. Tabitha Keeler

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	382	104
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.5%	67.0%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.8%	69.8%	72.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.6%	86.3%	70.6%

* 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	81.4
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)

Irmo Middle 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		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	4.3%	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	631.0	644.9	659.3	646.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	622.7	643.0	656.0	645.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	640.1	647.0	662.8	646.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	655.9	669.8	686.9	666.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	607.0	619.5	633.9	625.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	677.3	707.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	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	565.2	579.7	587.9	585.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	611.0	622.4	635.8	627.0	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

* 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
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	11	615.7	100.0	11	619.7	100.0
	7	454	636.5	99.8	454	649.3	99.8
	8	428	639.2	99.5	427	650.0	99.8
		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	10	610.1	I/S	4	I/S	I/S
	7	447	651.4	100.0	450	648.8	99.8
	8	210	634.8	100.0	217	651.0	99.5

	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	12	588.7	100.0	12	578.8	100.0
	7	435	631.4	100.0	435	640.5	99.3
	8	440	631.8	100.0	440	651.1	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	7	I/S	100.0	7	I/S	100.0
	7	434	663.3	99.3	435	643.4	99.3
	8	224	654.4	100.0	216	653.4	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	3205040
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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	657.5	668.3	642.5	667.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	651.2	668.2	643.7	670.9	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	663.8	668.4	641.4	663.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	668.7	681.6	656.9	678.4	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	631.3	636.5	609.1	639.3	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.2	707.1	663.2	687.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	648.8	651.8	631.0	657.7	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	603.6	607.5	594.2	620.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	647.8	675.3	635.3	664.6	99.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	631.1	637.6	613.6	639.6	99.8	100.0	100.0	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	647.8	660.1	665.5	669.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	640.5	658.4	665.4	672.6	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	655.0	661.8	665.6	665.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	661.8	673.9	679.9	683.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	616.0	626.1	630.8	637.6	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	680.6	717.3	700.7	710.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	645.1	658.0	665.0	664.6	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	575.8	588.5	594.4	606.6	99.8	100.0	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	645.0	672.0	667.0	683.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	617.8	627.1	634.7	637.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	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	236.3	233.4	86.7	77.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	86.9
Male	232.4	234.0	86.9	78.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	84.9
Female	239.9	232.8	86.5	77.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	88.9
White	242.7	242.1	91.1	80.4	99.8	99.8	100.0	91.4
African American	221.9	214.1	77.5	72.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	78.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	247.6	249.6	91.7	76.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.6
Hispanic	233.2	228.5	81.5	76.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.7
With Disabilities	206.5	201.3	72.1	66.1	99.2	99.2	100.0	54.9
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.1
Subsidized Meals	221.1	213.7	77.7	71.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	72.4
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

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	3205040
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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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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



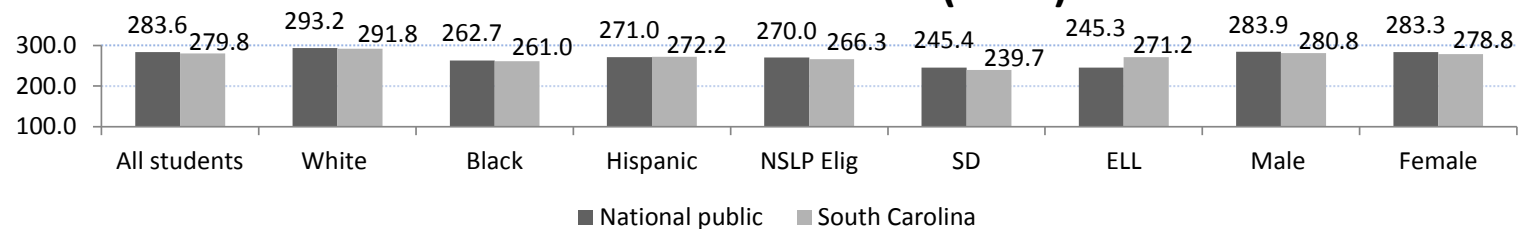
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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