



Dacusville Middle School

899 Thomas Mill Road
Easley, SC 29640

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	350 Students	
Principal	Wanda Tharpe	864-397-3525
Superintendent	Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.	864-397-1000
Board Chair	Alex Saitta	864-868-1961

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

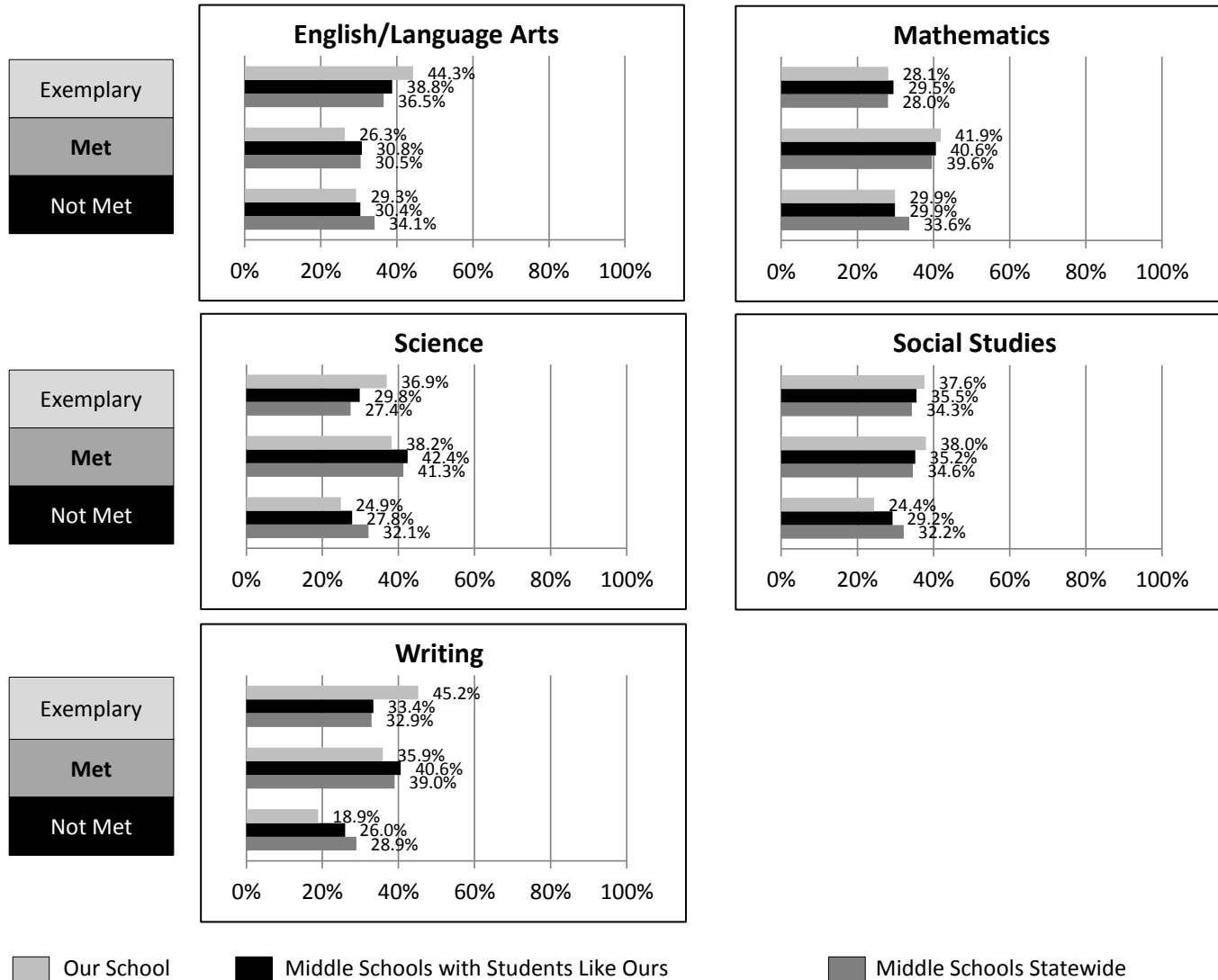
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

97.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
6	17	33	2	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 = 350)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	81.5%	Down from 81.8%	34.3%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	No change	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	28.6%	Up from 27.6%	22.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.2%	Down from 14.9%	13.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.2%	Up from 5.9%	4.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Up from 0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 25)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.0%	Down from 73.9%	62.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	84.0%	Down from 95.7%	80.7%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 90.2%	86.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 99.5%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,794	Up 2.7%	\$48,422	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Up from 7.9 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 18.6 to 1	23.0 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 93.9%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	79.8%	Down from 94.9%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Average	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,029	Up 6.8%	\$7,377	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	55.0%	Down from 58.0%	62.6%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.4%	Up from 53.0%	61.5%	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	100.0%	98.6%
English 1	100.0%	95.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.3%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Dacusville Middle School serves a rural community located in the northeastern corner of Pickens County. We have a dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to providing a quality education. We provide a student-centered, nurturing environment in which all students may experience success. Our students attend a state-of-the-art facility located on a 113-acre campus. The air conditioned, handicapped-accessible school has 2 computer labs, 2 mobile computer labs with DELL laptops, 3 science labs with Science Cows (Computers on Wheels), 1 gymnasium, a 220-seat cafeteria, Media Center with 6,872 volumes, and 24 permanent classrooms, each with Polyvision Boards. The campus also includes a walking trail, greenhouse, butterfly garden, fish pond, math and social studies gardens and bird sanctuary. At Dacusville Middle School, we are continuing to plan strategies to improve student performance. Several strategies include: remediation classes, embedded staff development emphasizing instruction, curriculum coaching, an at-risk program, and grade level incentive programs. Dacusville Middle offers many special programs for our students including: Band, Strings, Physical Education, Keyboarding, Computer Applications, job shadowing, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, Alternative Education, Guidance and Counseling Services, on-site health services, educational field trips, and athletic teams, including volleyball, basketball, baseball, and cheerleading. Activities at Dacusville Middle School include: Student Council, Beta Club, Character Education, Career Fair, job shadowing, teacher mentoring through the T.I.D.E.S program, school pageant, dances, concerts, Habitat Project, and many other service learning opportunities. We also offer Algebra I, English I, Keyboarding, and Computer Applications for high school credit. Our school makes efforts to involve the community in a variety of programs including: the school Habitat Project, school/business partnerships, volunteer training, fundraising activities, newsletter, Open House and \$1 Hot Dog Night, Back to School Orientation, Parent Night, Parent Orientation, Rising 6th Grade Parent Night, Walk for Education, Community Service Projects, PTO, Backpack Blessings, and School Improvement Council. Among our accomplishments in recent school years are the following: SC Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Winner; Scored a 5 for student achievement two consecutive years under the TAP Model; Awarded an A by the State Department of Education for student achievement; Wal-Mart Environmental Grant; Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; SC Junior Scholars and Duke TIP Scholars; All-Region Band and Orchestra; Student Council created an Award Winning Scrapbook; Middle School Division Student Council awarded Gold Gavel Award at state convention; Safe Kids Upstate Award Winner for school safety; First Lego League Robotics Team competed in state competition.¶

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Wanda Tharpe, Principal and Peggy McKee, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	107	23
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.8%	66.4%	69.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	76.4%	78.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.8%	83.9%	40.9%

* 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	81.9
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)

Dacusville 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	1.2	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
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	634.1	629.8	641.4	640.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	623.6	626.7	641.6	639.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	644.1	632.7	641.2	641.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	634.6	630.4	642.6	640.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	582.8	584.0	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.9	616.5	631.6	628.2	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	117	645.4	100.0	117	644.2	100.0
	7	126	629.1	100.0	126	627.4	100.0
	8	126	630.3	100.0	126	628.8	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/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	59	643.7	100.0	58	659.4	100.0
	7	126	637.9	100.0	126	626.3	100.0
	8	63	624.3	100.0	63	663.6	100.0

	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	116	641.9	100.0	116	628.4	100.0
	7	118	633.4	100.0	118	642.8	100.0
	8	126	627.7	100.0	126	618.4	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	59	634.0	100.0	57	637.0	100.0
	7	118	649.4	100.0	118	633.9	100.0
	8	64	633.0	100.0	62	656.3	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	3901001
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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	650.2	648.1	635.8	653.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	644.6	648.2	636.9	655.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
Female	655.7	647.9	634.8	650.5	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	654.3	652.7	640.9	656.2	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	627.3	617.2	606.2	632.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.8	703.1	662.9	695.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	630.1	627.9	614.0	640.1	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	603.0	598.4	597.0	614.3	99.2	99.6	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	633.3	634.1	613.0	643.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	634.0	628.7	618.7	636.8	99.8	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	633.3	635.3	644.0	641.1	99.9	99.8	99.3	N/A
Male	626.0	634.1	644.1	645.8	99.9	99.8	99.2	N/A
Female	641.0	636.5	643.9	636.2	99.9	99.9	99.4	N/A
White	636.2	637.7	647.0	643.0	99.9	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	605.2	606.5	616.8	616.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	678.3	702.5	686.9	683.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	624.1	628.3	631.2	641.2	100.0	99.4	99.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	577.0	584.2	586.9	594.3	99.8	99.4	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	620.4	632.4	635.9	641.8	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.5	616.4	627.7	624.0	99.9	99.8	98.8	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	231.5	225.8	82.2	78.0	99.6	99.7	100.0	80.4
Male	229.2	228.0	82.0	78.8	99.4	99.5	100.0	76.5
Female	234.0	223.6	82.5	77.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	84.9
White	233.0	227.6	83.6	78.7	99.5	99.6	100.0	80.8
African American	217.5	208.5	71.3	71.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5
Hispanic	228.7	219.3	77.1	76.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.9
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	194.7	64.7	66.2	98.6	99.3	100.0	43.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	85.7
Subsidized Meals	222.5	214.0	77.0	73.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	68.5
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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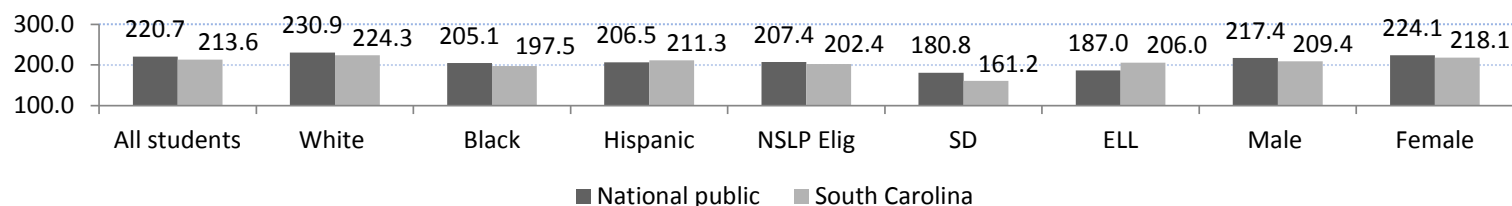
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	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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