Hand Middle

2600 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29205

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	896 Students	
Principal	Marisa Vickers	803-343-2947
Superintendent	Dr. Percy A. Mack	803-231-7500
Board Chair	Aaron Bishop	803-231-7556

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

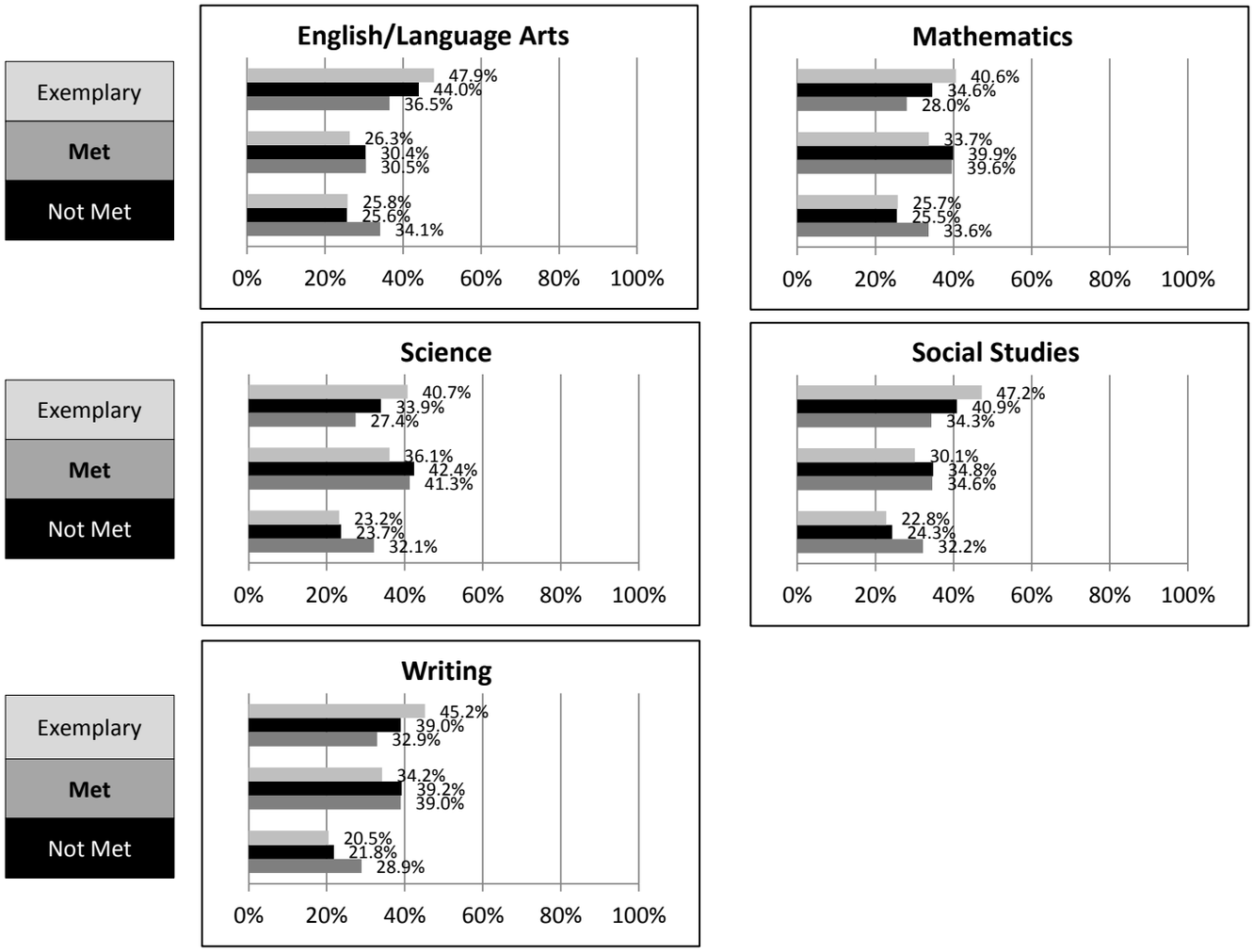
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located	96.6%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	18	10	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.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 896)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	59.7%	Down from 62.1%	31.5%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.3%	No change	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.0%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	40.4%	Up from 39.0%	22.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.5%	Up from 11.7%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.4%	Down from 2.6%	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	No change	0.7%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 60)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Down from 71.9%	60.0%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	65.0%	Down from 84.2%	77.3%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.2%	Down from 90.6%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.1%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$50,128	Down 7.4%	$47,307	$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Down from 10.2 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.9 to 1	Down from 22.6 to 1	22.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 89.7%	90.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.2%	Down from 97.0%	99.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$7,635	Up 8.0%	$6,991	$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.7%	Down from 74.0%	63.1%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.3%	Up from 71.0%	62.2%	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	100.0%	98.1%
English 1	N/A	97.9%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	97.9%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

During 2013-2014 school year, Hand Middle School had many outstanding accomplishments in the school's five "A's," including academics, attendance, arts, athletics, and attitude. These included 47 S.C. Junior Scholars, 70 Middle School Scholars and 10 Duke TIP Scholars. Recognizing exceptional student achievement, Hand received the prestigious Palmetto Silver Award from the State Department of Education for Closing the Achievement Gap. On the National Latin Exam, 13 students were recognized for their extraordinary performance including 2 gold medals. Hand's Mock Trial Team won in the area's regional competition. In the Richland One Visual Literacy Contest, Hand Middle School students received top honors for book production and for editorial cartoons. As we "Teach, Learn and Build Character," literacy is an overarching focus. The students are engaged in challenging and substantive reading in the core and elective classes. Throughout the school year, the students participated in the 25-Book Reading Challenge. All eighth grade students completed an Individual Graduation Plan. The Comprehensive Remediation Program, the E2020 computer lab, READ 180, the mPowered mentoring program, reading and math support classes, "Beau-tie" and African American Promise provided subject area support and assistance. Hand continues as an Arts in the Basic Curriculum site and Distinguished Arts Program School, receiving grant funding for arts instruction and integration. The band program earned the South Carolina Band Directors Association Outstanding Performance Award.Two students were selected for the Carnegie Hall National Honor Band. Seven students were accepted into the S.C. Governor's School. The dance teacher is a finalist for Richland One Teacher of the Year. One hundred percent of teachers completed technology planning and strategies integrating information literacy standards. Single gender and the Leadership Enrichment Academic Program are choices in all grade levels. The School Improvement Council, PTO and the Hand Educational Foundation supported school initiatives including school technology with digital tablet implementation. The Foundation sponsored the annual school gala to support additional technology for the students. An involved Hand community member was recognized as the district's Volunteer Partner of the Year. A Hand partnership with the University of South Carolina's Capstone Scholars was selected as the district's Volunteer Group of the Year. The Cluster of Churches brought in volunteers and resources and supported our annual school-wide Family Math and Reading Nights, as well as the Weekend Food Program, "Hands of Hope," for select Hand students. The PTO athletic booster club provided motivational and financial resources for our student athletes. For the fifth year, the girls track teams placed first in the district. The Student Council assisted with raising funds for Palmetto Health Foundation and sponsored our school talent show. To improve the success of all students in English language arts and math, the students participated in Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. Challenges included meeting the needs of students whose families live in poverty and the challenge of aligning the common core instruction and assessment to the state standards and indicators.

Marisa P. Vickers, Principal Dr. Falicia Harvey, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	58	240	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.3%	80.8%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.3%	81.2%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.9%	90.3%	71.1%

* 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	**87.2**
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	Peformance 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)

Hand 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	0.9	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	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	641.4	645.7	651.9	654.8	99.9	100.0	100.0
Male	634.2	645.1	650.4	655.7	99.8	100.0	100.0
Female	648.4	646.3	653.3	654.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	674.3	680.4	684.3	690.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	616.6	619.3	626.9	629.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	623.6	635.5	633.7	629.3	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	593.2	593.2	602.2	613.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	612.0	620.5	N/A	N/A	97.6	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.3	614.5	620.3	625.9	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	306	649.0	99.7	306	660.1	99.7
	7	290	638.5	100.0	290	640.2	100.0
	8	273	642.3	100.0	273	631.7	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	153	638.4	100.0	152	659.5	100.0
	7	290	645.6	100.0	290	644.1	100.0
	8	138	635.1	100.0	135	651.7	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	307	642.0	100.0	307	645.9	99.4
	7	310	643.1	100.0	310	651.1	99.4
	8	280	638.8	99.6	281	639.6	99.3
		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	153	630.6	100.0	154	654.3	98.7
	7	310	661.5	99.4	310	652.9	99.4
	8	144	654.0	100.0	137	659.6	98.6

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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 4001039

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	635.8	627.0	611.2	635.9	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	630.1	625.3	610.9	635.0	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	641.7	628.8	611.5	637.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
White	682.9	679.4	660.6	680.4	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	624.0	613.1	598.8	624.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	647.8	653.9	629.2	641.2	100.0	100.0	98.5	N/A
Hispanic	632.0	630.7	607.3	639.2	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	588.7	578.4	573.3	599.2	99.1	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.9	627.4	599.8	625.0	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.9	613.3	598.1	623.9	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	618.9	620.8	627.9	636.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	610.3	617.1	625.5	637.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	627.4	624.4	630.3	635.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	668.1	668.3	683.4	692.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	605.1	607.0	612.1	620.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	636.3	650.8	654.6	670.4	98.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	621.0	626.8	630.5	644.4	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	573.5	580.1	581.4	596.7	100.0	100.0	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	603.1	619.3	617.0	630.9	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	603.7	606.4	610.3	620.1	100.0	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	224.5	216.3	76.2	71.7	99.6	99.3	100.0	74.1
Male	220.4	214.0	75.8	72.9	99.5	99.2	100.0	65.3
Female	228.6	218.6	76.6	70.7	99.7	99.4	100.0	82.2
White	244.6	242.8	88.8	80.4	99.7	99.7	100.0	81.0
African American	219.0	208.7	72.9	69.1	99.6	99.1	100.0	72.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.7
Hispanic	228.7	221.6	78.5	73.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.6	191.5	64.3	63.4	99.2	98.7	100.0	33.9
Limited English Proficient	211.7	210.9	73.3	66.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.5
Subsidized Meals	217.7	208.2	72.4	68.0	99.5	99.3	100.0	71.6
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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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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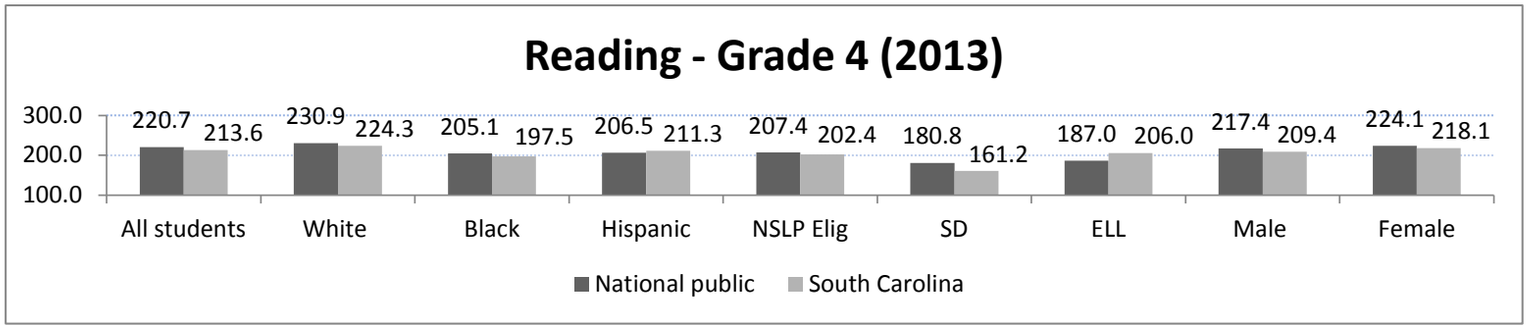
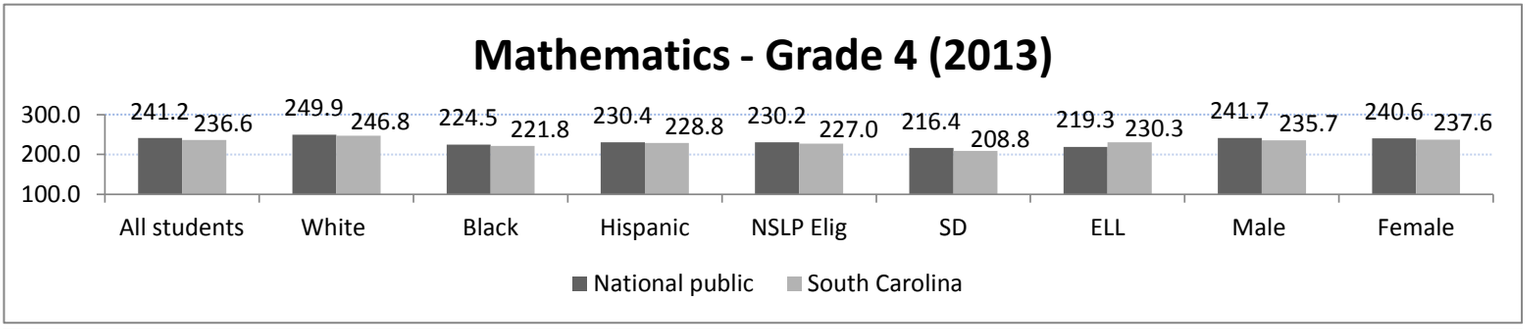
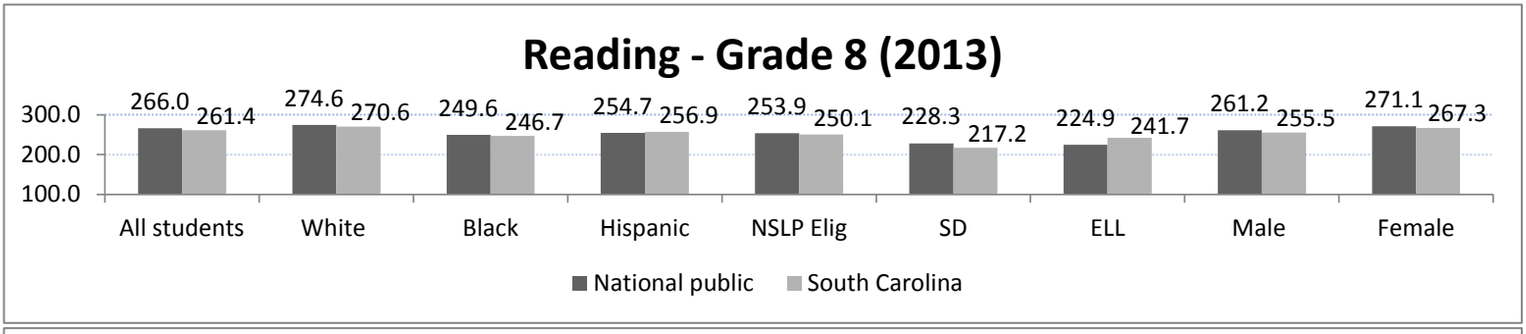
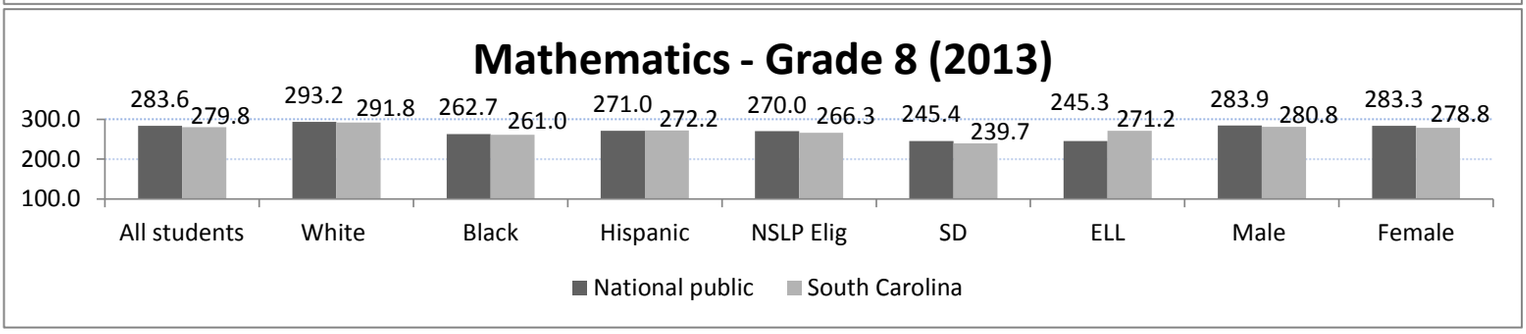
**Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.*









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	6

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable	N/AV-Not Available	N/C-Not Collected	N/R-Not Reported	I/S-Insufficient Sample