



Hillcrest Middle School

4355 Peach Orchard Road
Dalzell, SC 29040

Grades 6-8 Middle School
Enrollment 425 Students
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Good	Average
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.

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

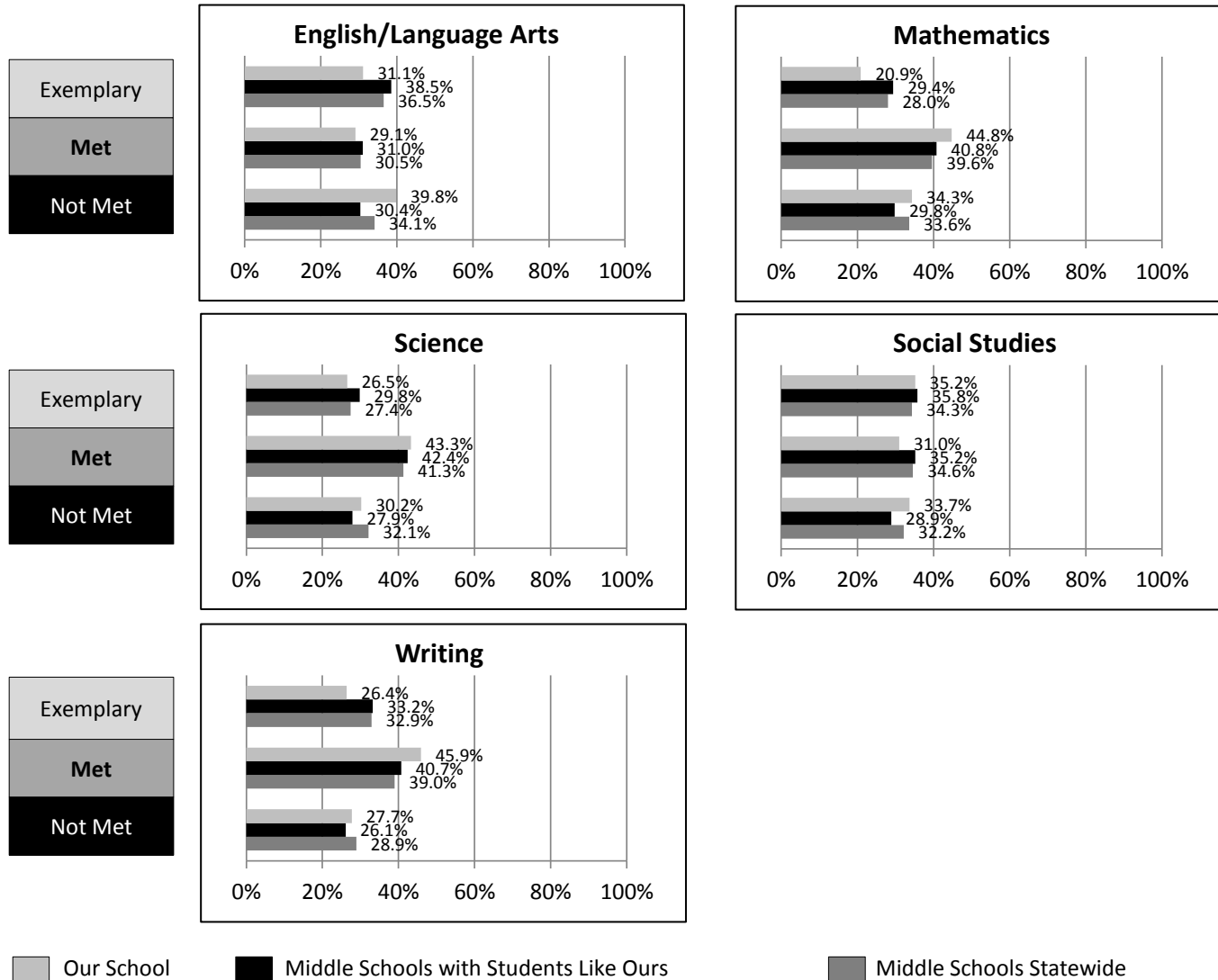
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 93.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
7	17	35	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 = 425)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	17.7%	Up from 16.4%	30.1%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.7%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	94.0%	Down from 94.9%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	29.9%	Up from 26.0%	21.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	16.4%	Up from 15.6%	13.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	7.5%	Down from 7.9%	4.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	79.2%	Up from 72.7%	61.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	75.0%	Down from 100.0%	79.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Down from 90.9%	86.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.5%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,775	Down 0.4%	\$48,117	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Up from 5.7 days	11.0 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	23.8 to 1	Up from 21.6 to 1	22.7 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Down from 91.0%	89.8%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.3%	Down from 100.0%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Below Average	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,377	Up 21.2%	\$7,299	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.5%	Up from 53.0%	62.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	53.0%	No change	61.8%	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	94.3%	95.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	97.2%	98.3%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Hillcrest Middle School is located in the Dalzell Community of Sumter County. Our school serves a total of approximately 426 students in a 6-8 grade educational setting. Our mission is believing, achieving, and succeeding through academics, citizenship, and service. In order to achieve our mission, our primary goals are; to increase student achievement as measured by SCPASS by providing opportunities for teachers to participate in professional development, maintaining a highly qualified workforce, increasing parental/community involvement, addressing the academic/social needs of our students, and creating a safe, secure, and healthy school environment.

Teachers were provided opportunities to participate in departmental meetings, workshops, conferences, district-level professional development, and powerful pedagogy sessions to improve teaching and learning.

A few of our highlights for 2013-2014 include: quarterly perfect discipline recognition, quarterly academic awards program, All County Band Participants, 5 SC Junior Scholars, 1 Duke Tip Scholar, Crystal/Golden Pen Award Recipients, 12 Golden Apple Award Winners, The Evening Optimist Club Program, Sumter Education Foundation Mini Grant Award Winners, Department of Defense Education Grant, and 100% of our Algebra I Students passed the End of Course Examination.

Continuing with our tradition of giving back to the community, some of our service projects include: canned food drives, Relay for Life of Sumter, Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative, Cents for Civitans, Pennies for Patients, Catchall Senior Citizens Luncheon, American Heart Walk, coat/book drives, and Shower Shaw with Cookies.

We believe that teamwork is necessary to achieve the goal of our school. Therefore, we thank our teachers, students, PTSA, SIC, parents, volunteers, Shaw Air Force Base, and the community for playing an integral part in the success of our school as we continue to increase student achievement.

Tarsha B. Staggers, Principal

Julie Harris, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	136	106
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	73.5%	75.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	76.9%	74.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.6%	79.4%	56.7%

* 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	68.5
Overall Grade Conversion	D

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)

Hillcrest 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	3.7	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.6	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	17.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	94.0%	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	615.8	622.8	630.5	629.0	99.8	99.8	100.0
Male	607.7	618.5	630.0	631.9	99.5	99.5	100.0
Female	622.9	626.5	631.0	626.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	631.1	634.9	646.5	642.1	99.5	99.5	100.0
African American	599.8	609.8	614.0	615.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	568.9	580.0	579.8	588.7	98.6	98.6	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	607.6	614.8	621.9	619.7	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

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	126	624.9	100.0	126	625.6	100.0	
7	163	618.1	99.4	163	625.4	99.4	
8	126	623.8	99.2	126	621.0	99.2	
		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	62	617.5	100.0	64	644.6	100.0	
7	162	634.3	99.4	163	637.2	99.4	
8	63	624.0	100.0	63	640.2	96.8	

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	140	619.2	99.3	140	624.7	99.3	
7	139	607.3	100.0	139	621.5	100.0	
8	157	620.2	100.0	157	622.2	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	72	628.7	100.0	68	635.8	98.6	
7	139	627.0	100.0	139	622.9	100.0	
8	80	638.1	100.0	78	634.1	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 4301004

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	631.2	625.8	615.2	628.1	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	625.9	623.2	615.1	628.3	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	636.7	628.5	615.3	627.9	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
White	649.9	646.1	636.8	642.6	99.2	99.4	99.4	N/A
African American	619.8	612.6	601.3	618.7	99.8	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	662.6	671.8	660.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	98.1	N/A
Hispanic	637.6	637.2	625.5	635.6	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	593.2	589.3	586.0	601.9	98.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	628.4	638.4	625.7	640.1	100.0	98.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.4	616.8	605.3	620.7	99.7	99.9	99.6	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	609.4	609.3	619.6	619.0	99.5	99.6	99.1	N/A
Male	602.5	607.0	619.4	620.6	99.4	99.5	98.9	N/A
Female	616.7	611.7	619.9	617.4	99.7	99.6	99.2	N/A
White	629.6	623.6	639.5	634.8	99.2	99.2	99.5	N/A
African American	598.5	601.0	608.3	610.7	99.7	99.7	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	634.3	644.7	656.0	657.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	618.1	626.6	623.4	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	570.2	577.8	578.8	586.8	99.1	99.1	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	592.0	602.5	600.3	607.9	100.0	100.0	97.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	601.1	602.2	610.5	611.1	99.6	99.6	98.9	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	223.6	210.4	77.3	70.2	98.6	98.2	100.0	79.2
Male	220.8	211.0	77.6	70.7	98.1	97.5	100.0	75.0
Female	226.2	209.8	77.0	69.7	99.0	98.9	100.0	83.5
White	233.8	221.7	83.6	74.4	97.7	97.7	100.0	83.9
African American	218.6	204.6	73.7	67.8	99.0	98.3	100.0	76.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	80.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	72.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	193.1	67.3	63.2	94.7	93.0	100.0	35.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	218.8	204.8	74.8	67.8	98.2	97.8	100.0	73.6
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

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

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 4301004

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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