

## Fort Mill Middle School

200 Springfield Parkway  
Fort Mill, SC 29715

<b>Grades</b>	6-8 Middle School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	614 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Gregory Norton	803-547-5553
<b>Superintendent</b>	Dr. James N. Epps, Jr.	803-548-2527
<b>Board Chair</b>	Patrick White	803-548-2527

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2014</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

## 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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<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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

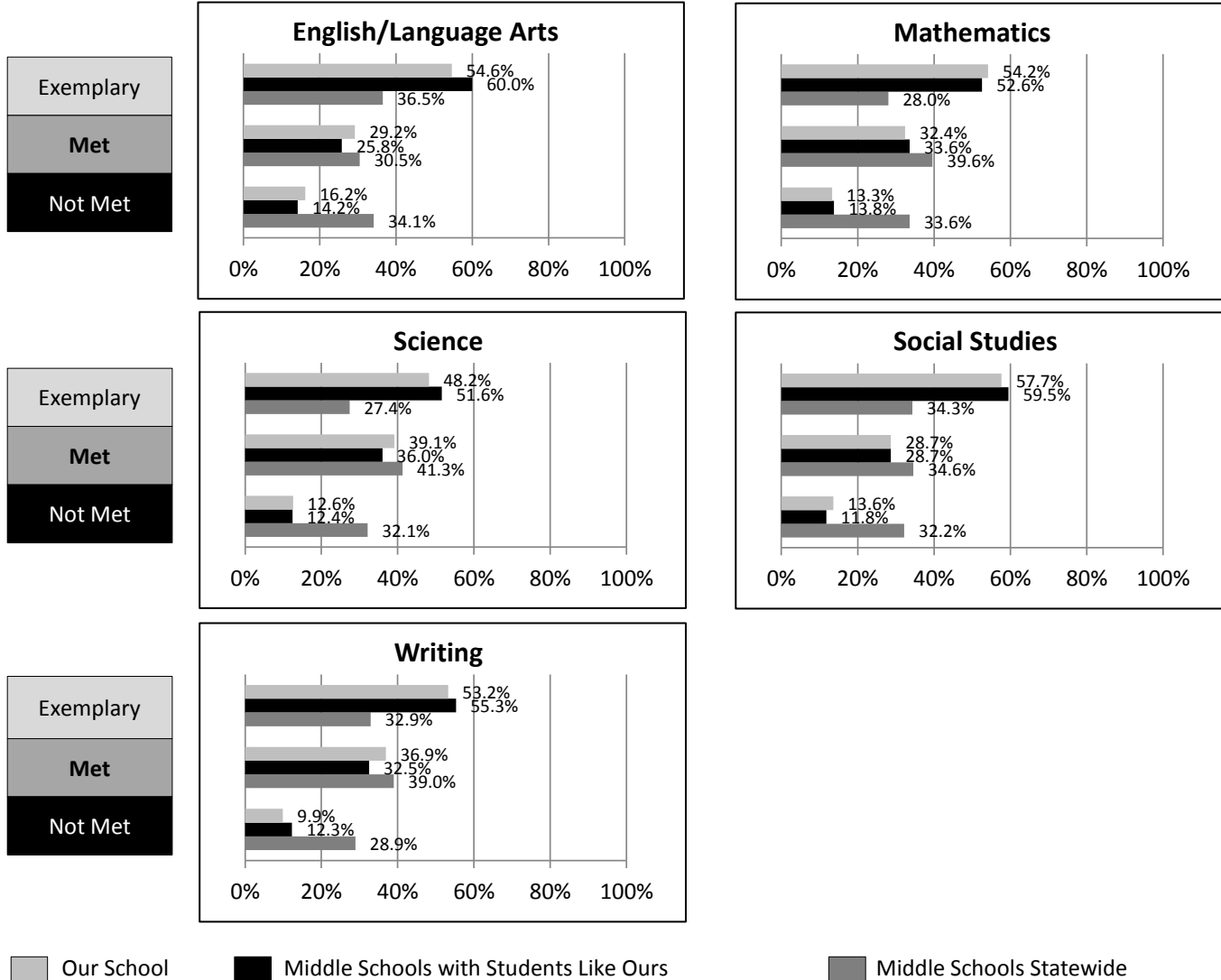
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 91.0%

**ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\***

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
12	0	0	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.

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## School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n = 614)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	20.8%	Down from 26.0%	36.4%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.6%	Up from 0.2%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.2%	Up from 96.1%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	35.8%	Up from 34.2%	38.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.1%	Up from 11.5%	8.3%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.4%	Up from 2.3%	1.9%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 2.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n = 43)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.8%	Up from 61.5%	61.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.4%	Down from 92.3%	80.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.2%	Up from 83.9%	86.5%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.0%	Down from 94.9%	95.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$55,134	Up 1.9%	\$49,766	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	8.5 days	Down from 9.5 days	11.3 days	10.6 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	Down from 23.9 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.7%	Down from 89.9%	91.1%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.2%	Down from 99.7%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,304	Up 5.7%	\$8,304	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.8%	Up from 65.0%	66.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.7%	Up from 64.0%	66.1%	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%	99.9%
English 1	100.0%	99.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	99.8%

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**Report of Principal and School Improvement Council**

The 2013-14 school year included growth, opportunities, and unique successes for Fort Mill Middle School. For the fifth year in a row, FMMS was the proud recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award. This award was created for South Carolina schools attaining high levels of absolute performance, high rates of growth and substantial progress in closing achievement gaps among groups of students.

Our students continue to be academically challenged with rigorous and high quality instruction that meets their needs. With the continued addition of more school technology we have added a technology specialist who assists our teachers and students in taking advantage of our mobile labs, chromebooks, and ipads. Our students have used various applications and software programs including: Edmodo, Animoto, Remind 101, Quizlet, Khan Academy, Google Docs, and the Digits math curriculum. To enhance and improve our school’s Language Arts program, we added an ELA specialist. The ELA specialist assisted in implementing our student-based iStations lab to help support reading. This specialist also worked with our faculty to improve writing and reading across the curriculum.

Our related arts department continues to enrich our school community through student led theater productions, awards, programs, and presentations. Our band received the Outstanding Performance Award given by the SCBDA. FMMS students participated in a school-wide Black History Month Festival that included guest speakers, an inventions museum, and samples of cultural cuisine.

To promote character education, leadership skills, and provide for a smooth transition to middle school for our sixth graders, we provided a four day summer bridges camp for selected rising 6th graders. Additionally, our school community accepted Rachel's Challenge. As part of this challenge, we developed F.O.R. Clubs. These clubs focus on creating a positive school climate by treating others with kindness and compassion. Our School Improvement Council has embraced the Rachel's Challenge program and is focused on sustaining this challenge on our campus and throughout our community so that FMMS continues to have a safe and healthy environment that encourages attendance and successful performance.

We continue to involve stakeholders in all aspects of our school through PTO, our athletic booster club, and our SIC. FMMS will continue to promote rigor and relevance in academics and fine arts for the 2014-2015 school year.

Greg Norton, Principal, and Don Sain, School Improvement Council Chair

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	39	191	79
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.4%	76.9%	96.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.8%	79.6%	92.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	87.3%	71.8%

\* 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.

<b>Overall Weighted Points Total</b>	<b>87.9</b>
<b>Overall Grade Conversion</b>	<b>B</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)**

Fort Mill 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	1.8	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	4.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.2%	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
<b>Grades 6-8</b>							
All Students	648.5	661.6	661.7	663.3	100.0	100.0	98.8
Male	644.0	663.5	666.8	668.8	100.0	100.0	98.7
Female	652.9	659.7	656.1	658.2	100.0	100.0	99.0
White	652.3	665.5	665.9	667.2	100.0	100.0	99.0
African American	633.1	638.3	645.5	643.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	646.5	689.5	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	575.0	585.8	588.2	598.7	100.0	100.0	90.7
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.1	636.9	641.6	639.8	100.0	100.0	97.4
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	203	650.3	100.0	203	650.4	100.0	
7	188	651.7	100.0	188	668.7	100.0	
8	187	658.1	100.0	187	668.8	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/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	101	643.1	100.0	102	690.7	100.0	
7	187	665.9	100.0	188	660.8	100.0	
8	94	655.6	100.0	93	661.8	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	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	211	656.6	100.0	211	659.0	99.5	
7	213	648.1	100.0	213	659.0	100.0	
8	209	640.6	100.0	209	666.9	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	106	654.5	99.1	106	681.6	99.1	
7	211	663.5	99.1	213	653.1	100.0	
8	104	665.4	98.1	103	666.0	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 4604037

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
All Students	671.2	675.1	660.1	681.6	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	665.4	676.0	661.1	684.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	677.2	674.1	659.1	678.2	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	677.5	682.3	667.0	687.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	641.0	636.2	625.8	650.5	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	695.5	663.9	691.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	645.9	645.3	634.5	664.0	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	614.1	610.9	615.8	633.0	98.9	99.3	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.5	636.4	618.2	649.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	638.9	636.9	625.5	647.3	99.8	100.0	99.7	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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
All Students	655.6	667.9	669.5	670.3	99.9	99.8	99.6	N/A
Male	647.8	667.2	669.6	674.2	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	663.4	668.7	669.5	666.4	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	660.9	672.7	675.3	674.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	629.0	636.5	639.2	641.3	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.9	700.5	687.4	684.9	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
Hispanic	640.3	652.4	655.6	660.8	100.0	100.0	98.4	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	584.2	594.6	602.7	605.6	100.0	99.6	96.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.7	638.8	642.0	644.8	100.0	100.0	96.4	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.5	634.4	638.9	641.7	99.7	99.7	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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
All Students	243.2	242.2	91.0	81.2	99.7	99.7	100.0	93.7
Male	241.3	244.6	91.7	82.2	99.5	99.5	100.0	92.8
Female	245.0	240.0	90.3	80.2	99.8	99.8	100.0	94.8
White	245.8	245.9	92.5	82.7	99.6	99.6	100.0	94.5
African American	231.8	222.8	83.2	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.5
Hispanic	233.1	225.5	84.0	76.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	216.0	209.9	77.2	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	69.1
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.5
Subsidized Meals	230.3	225.3	83.0	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.5
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

\* 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

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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>								
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
<b>Grades 6 - 8</b>								
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
<b>Grades 9 - 12</b>								
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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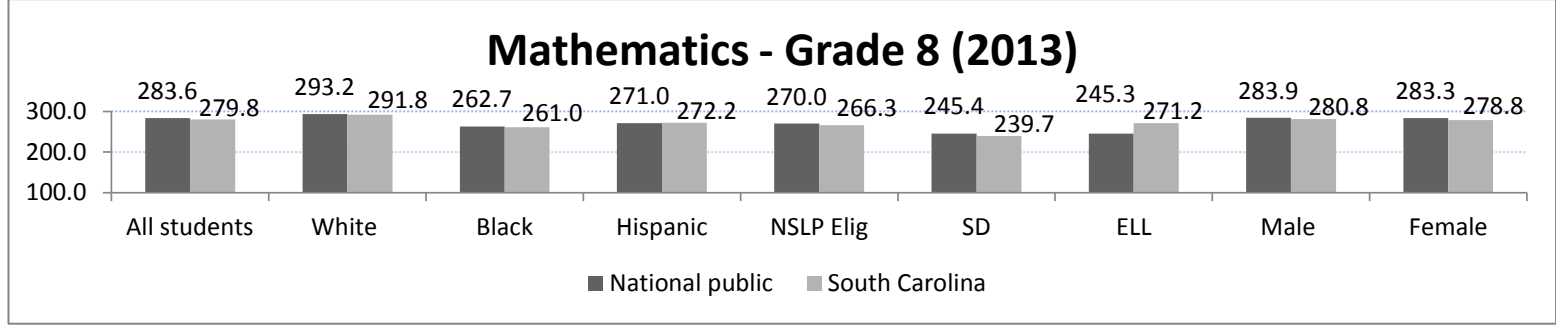
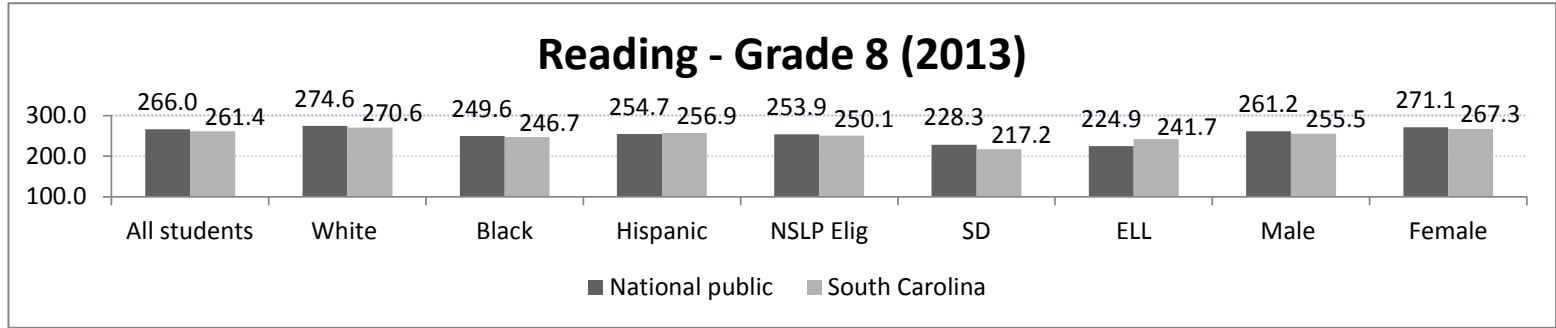
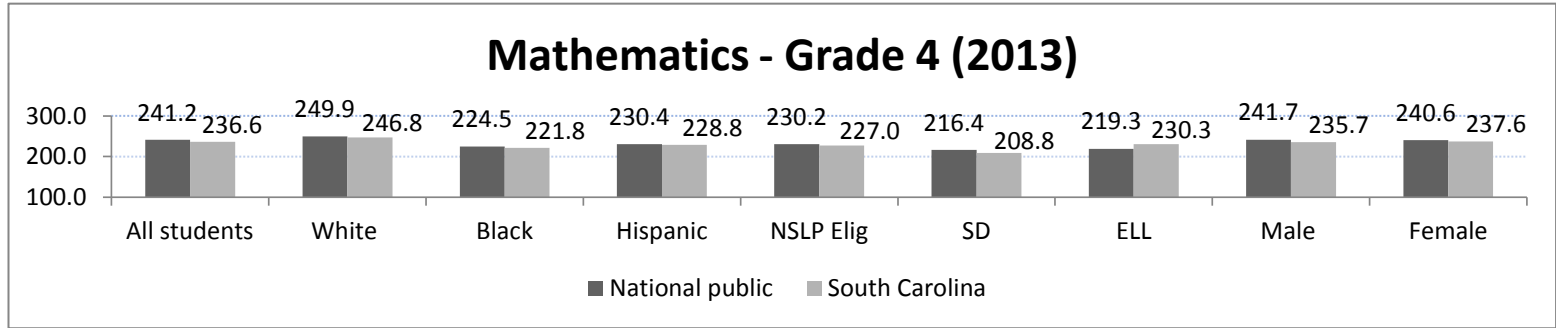
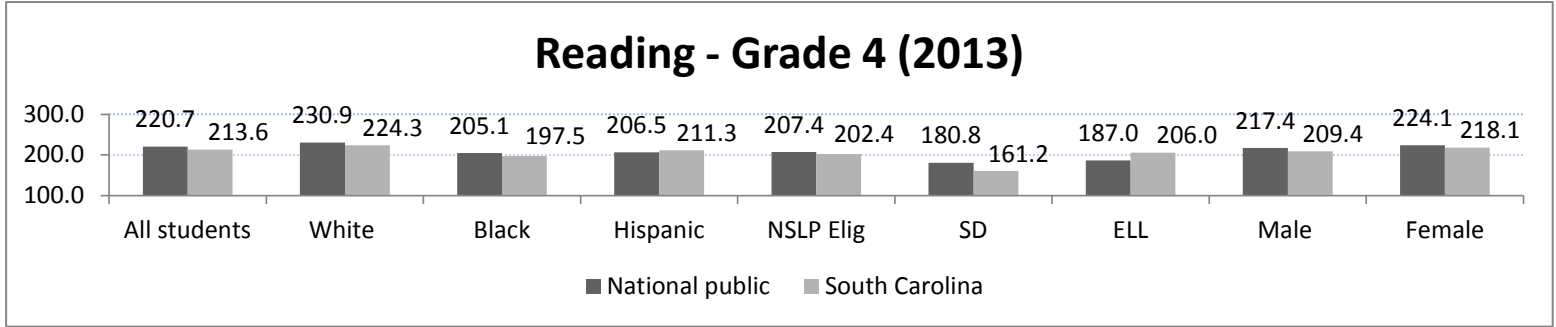
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Key	
NSLP	National school lunch program
SD	Student with disabilities
ELL	English language learner
NAEP	National Association of Education Progress

	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	1

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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