

## Georgetown County School District

2018 Church Street  
Georgetown, SC 29440



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

<b>Grades:</b>	PK-12 District	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. H. Randall Dozier
<b>Enrollment:</b>	9,687 students	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Mr. Jim Dumm
<b>District Phone:</b>	843-436-7000		
<b>District Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.gcsd.k12.sc.us/">http://www.gcsd.k12.sc.us/</a>		



### Profile of the SC Graduate

#### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

#### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

#### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

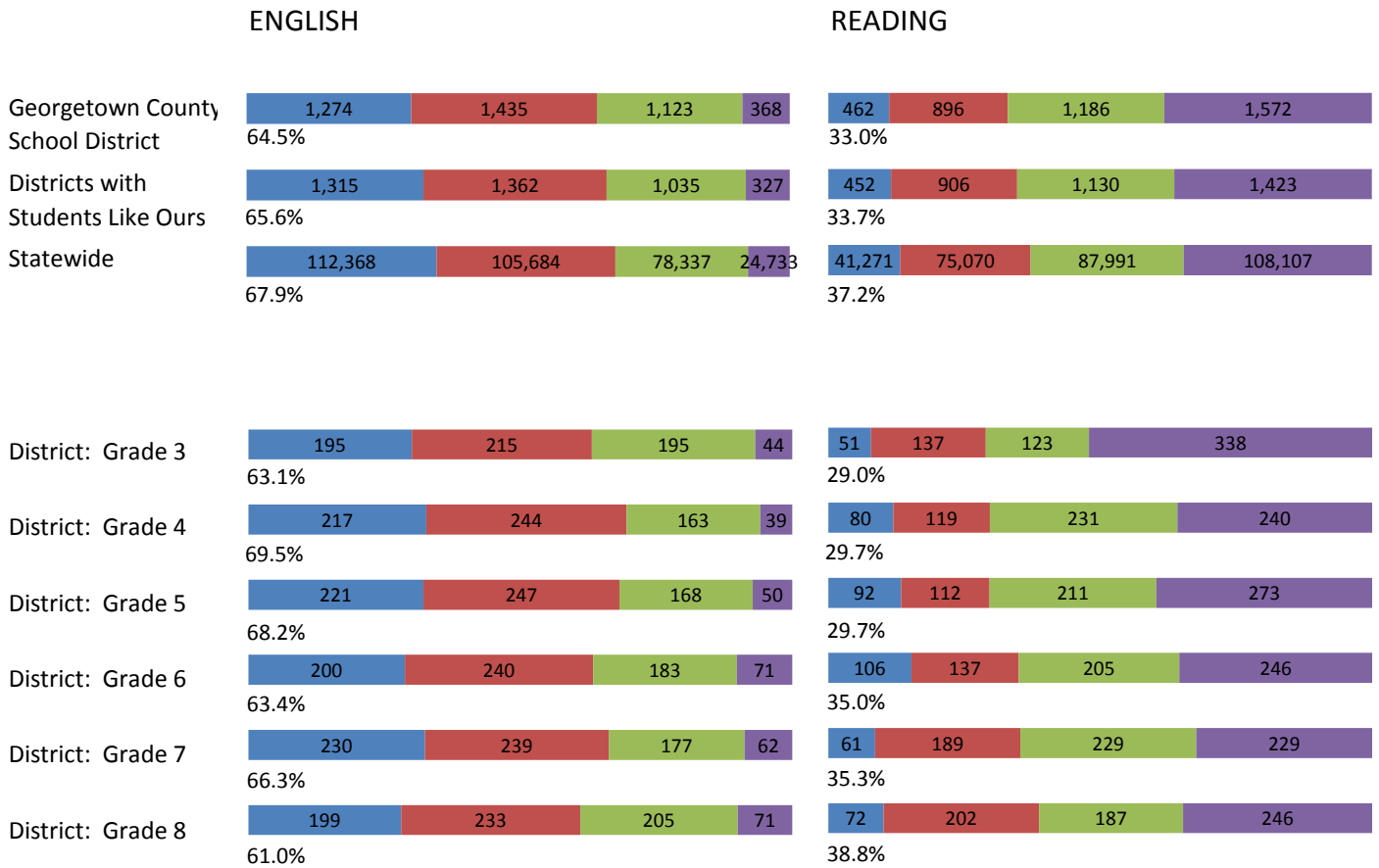
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

*Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

The 2014-2015 School Year was extremely successful for Georgetown County School District. We earned an "Excellent" Absolute Rating on the state Report Card for the third consecutive year. Also, this year our hard work was rewarded with an "Excellent" Improvement Rating, marking the first time GCSD has earned an "Excellent-Excellent" Report Card. Only seven of South Carolina's 82 school districts earned an "Excellent-Excellent" Report Card. The district's success is the result of our students, parents, teachers, and community members working together to provide the best possible education for all of our students. We continue to offer a variety of rigorous course offerings in all of our high schools. Students earned \$12,783,547 in scholarships for this year's senior class, which is more than two million dollars more than the previous year. GCSD continues our efforts to promote stronger student engagement in our classrooms. Implementing many reading/writing, "flipped classrooms" strategies, district-wide partnership with Horry Georgetown Technical College (PACE), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Programs, along with our outstanding BEACH (Gifted and Talented Academic and Artistic Programs) have been just some of the innovations which have accelerated our performance. Safety and security for all GCSD students and employees remains a high priority. During the past few years we have made modifications and updates to maximize the most current techniques in safe school environments and those efforts will continue in 2015-2016. We have resource officers located at each site and at many of our events. GCSD also utilizes off-duty law enforcement officers for safety. The use of instructional technology leads our efforts for ongoing professional development for our teachers to make certain that students are using these tools most effectively, thus providing us college and career ready students. Thank you for all you do to support our schools and students. Students, teachers, parents, and community members working together help us achieve our academic goals and provide the best educational experiences for all our students. We look forward to a great school year in 2015 – 2016. Sincerely, H. Randall Dozier, Ph.D. Superintendent

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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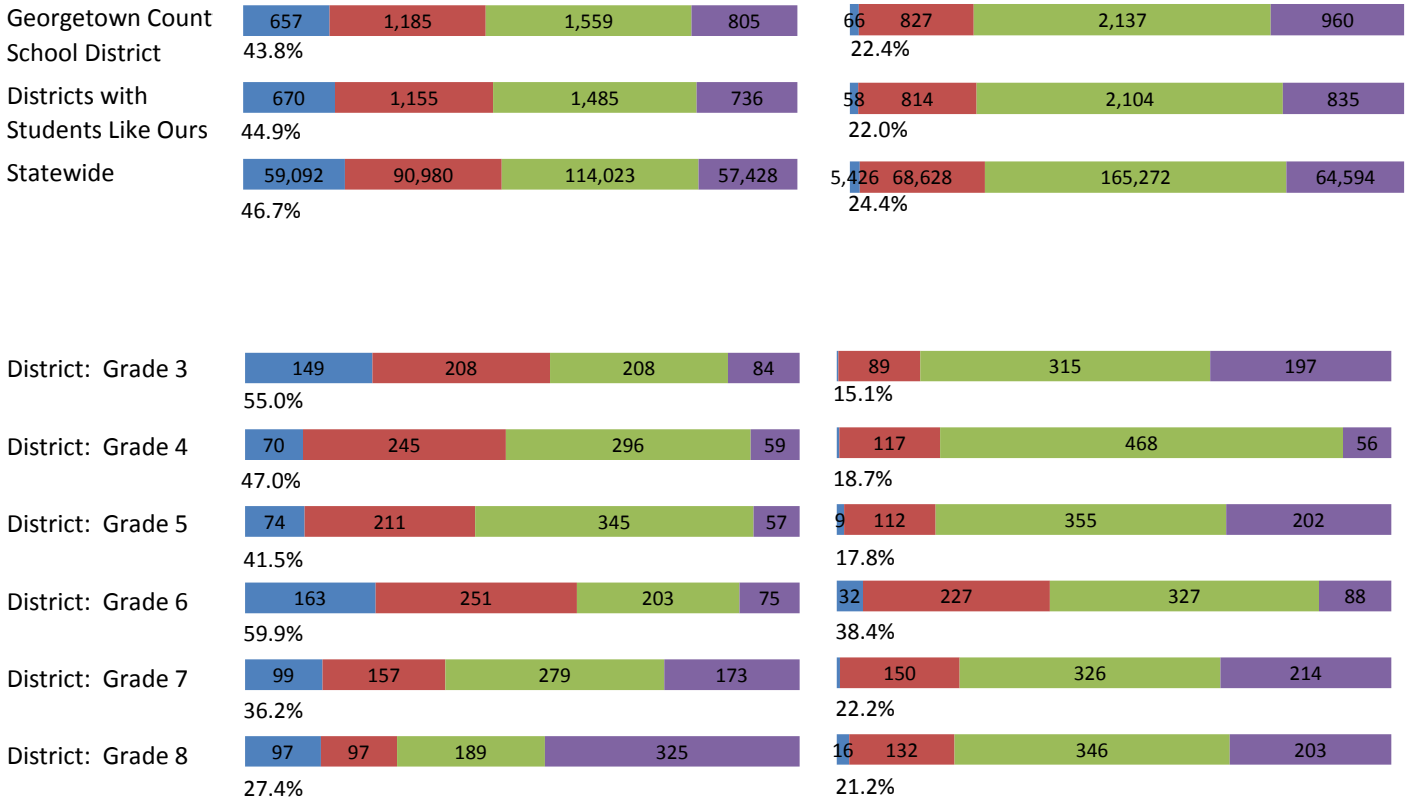
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**MATHEMATICS**

**WRITING**



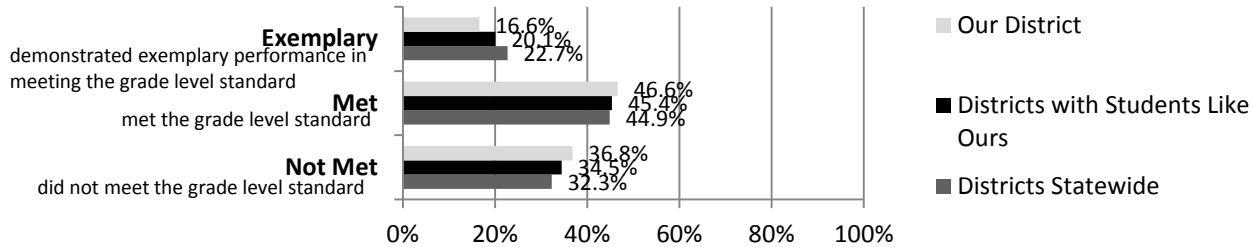
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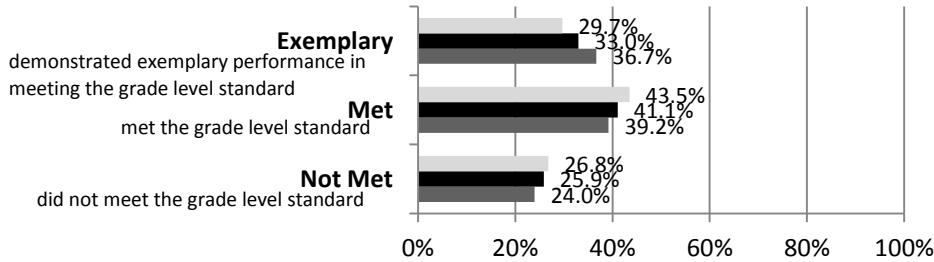
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science**



**Social Studies**



**Science SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
71.8	61.3	62.2	65.8	54.8

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
87.2	67.0	77.4	67.5	68.1

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary	<b>"Exemplary"</b> : student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	<b>"Met"</b> : student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	<b>"Not Met"</b> : student did not meet the grade level standard.

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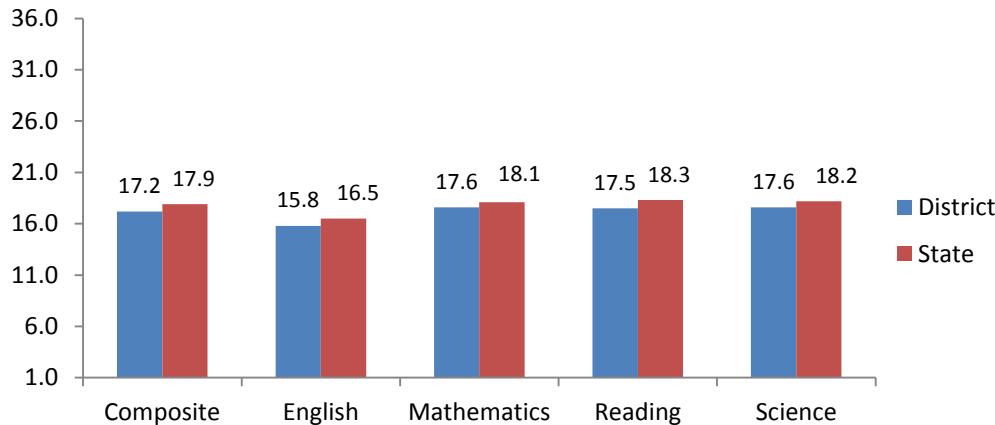
**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our District	Districts with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	83.5	86.5	85.7
English 1	69.6	73.8	75.1
Biology 1	79.8	78.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	67.4	65.0	69.1
All Subjects	75.5	76.2	77.3

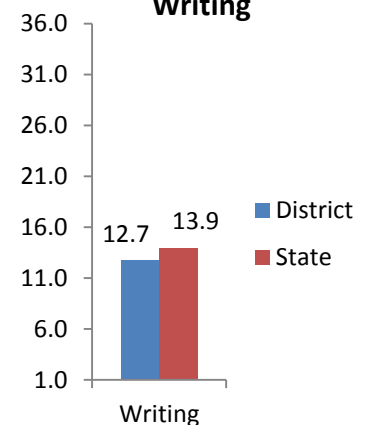
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015**



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**



**Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015**

English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
34.1	17.9	20.3	14.8	8.9

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

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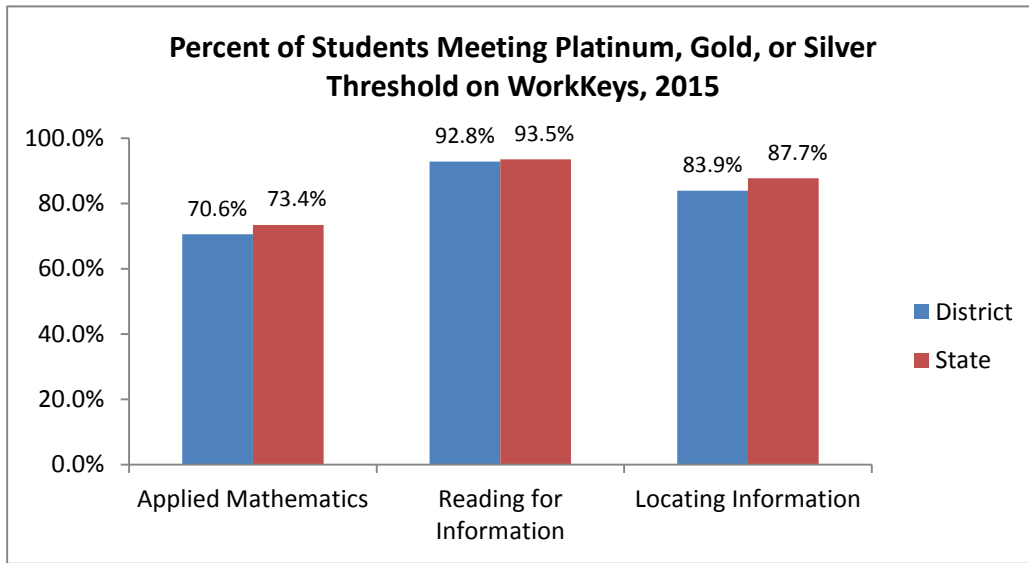
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.



District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
64.4	458	461	445	1364

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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**OUTCOMES**

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
88.9	85.2	86.3	86.1

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
87.3	88.7	90.3	87.2

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
31.5	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	State
62.2	70.3

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 9,687)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	72.3	Down from 75.7%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.4	Down from 96.1%	95.1
With disabilities	12.3	Up from 11.6%	13.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4	Down from 0.5%	0.7
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	16.0	Down from 16.7%	14.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	40.8	Up from 23.3%	18.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	47.2	Down from 49.6%	63.0
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.5	N/A	1.5
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	0.7	N/A	3.8
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	427	N/A	356
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	88.5
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	110	Up from 109	154
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	99.1	N/A	98.1
Annual dropout rate	1.7	Down from 2.1%	2.5
Dropout recovery rate	12.5	N/A	7.4
Percentage of students retained	2.1	No change	2.0
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	319	Up from 287	121
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	41	Down from 54	23
<b>Teachers (n = 681)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	62.8	Down from 63.6%	63.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	76.5	Down from 77.5%	82.2
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1	Up from 89.9%	90.3
Teacher attendance rate	96.8	Up from 95.4%	95.1
Average teacher salary*	\$49,148	Down 0.0%	\$48,605
Professional development days / teacher	23.8 days	Up from 20.8 days	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.4	Up from 3.4%	2.6
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.1	N/A	0.5

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<b>District</b>			
Superintendent's years at district	11.0	Up from 10.0	6.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Down from 18.3 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.4	Down from 86.1%	88.8
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Excellent	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	19	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	93.9	Up from 93.2%	99.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	18.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	No	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	No	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	9	N/A	21
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,399	Up 2.3%	\$9,370
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.6	Up from 53.4%	53.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	54.5	Down from 55.1%	55.7
Average administrator salary	\$85,533	Up 0.7%	\$81,567

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of District**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Average

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

- SC State Content Standards
- [Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
- [2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
- [Report Card Data Files](#)
- [ESEA Data Files](#)

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