

Great Falls Elementary School

301 Dearborn Street
Great Falls, SC 29055

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	442 Students	
Principal	Wendell B. Sumter	803-482-2214
Superintendent	Dr. Agnes Slayman	803-385-6122
Board Chair	Mrs. Patricia Hensley	803-789-5810

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	At-Risk
2012	Average	Below Average
2011	Average	Below Average
2010	Average	Average

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

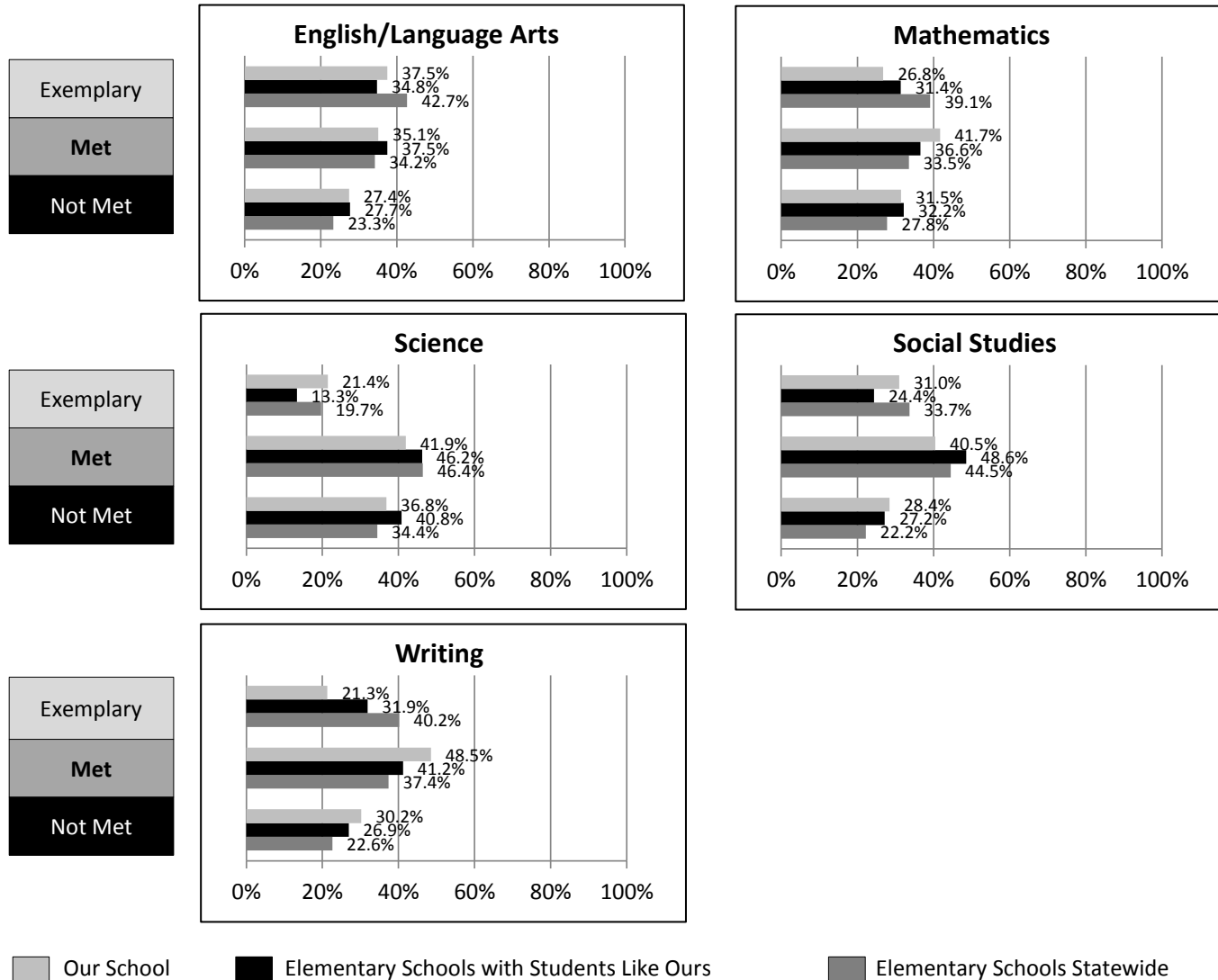
97.4%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	16	106	8	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary 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	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 442)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	95.8%	Up from 27.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Up from 0.3%	1.4%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.8%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.4%	Down from 5.6%	5.0%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.6%	Down from 11.2%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	Down from 3.5%	2.3%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 29)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.6%	Down from 74.1%	60.5%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	79.3%	Down from 92.6%	80.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.3%	Down from 89.7%	87.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 94.1%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,729	Down 7.1%	\$47,528	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	Up from 3.0 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.4 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	19.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 88.2%	90.0%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,925	Up 24.4%	\$7,888	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.0%	Down from 69.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.7%	Up from 65.0%	65.0%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Great Falls Elementary School is a Title I school in rural Chester County in the upper state of South Carolina, situated approximately halfway between Columbia, SC and Charlotte, NC. The percentage of students at Great Falls Elementary who received free or reduced lunch for the 2013-14 school year was 75%. ¶

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Learning, not teaching continues to be the major focus of Great Falls Elementary school as we continue our journey of becoming a Professional Learning Community. As a professional development school and learning community, the master schedule allows grade level teams to meet each week for a common planning time. This enables teams to plan and create common assessments on a regular basis. It also allows teachers to share best practices and strategies that have proven to be successful, resulting in an increase of student achievement. In addition to common planning time, all teams have a common lunch time to allow time for additional communication. ¶

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Our principal provided teams with a collection of templates to help guide their work. The templates consisted of SMART goal and team planning sheets to assist in setting a purpose and goal for our team meetings. The teams create norms together and review them annually to maintain time on task during meetings. Teams create SMART goals to guide instruction and progress, analyze data, and reflect to determine if the goals have been met. A data analysis sheet was provided to determine students' strengths and weaknesses on assessments and to establish a plan for interventions and enrichments. Finally, a team feedback sheet serves as a source to evaluate our team's performance. ¶

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Teachers collaborate with the literacy coach, interventionist, and fine arts teachers to plan intervention strategies. Data results and student performances are shared to determine areas of emphasis for remediation. A plan is developed and implemented to meet students' needs and provide additional support. Students' progresses are monitored and intervention plans are adjusted as necessary. During the 2013 – 2014 school year we implemented many new intervention strategies which included: Power Hours, a before and after-school tutorial program based on specific student needs, Success Maker, a computer based instructional program where students in grades 3rd – 5th were required to attend according to a specific schedule. The entire administration, faculty and staff served as interventionists and tutors to all students regardless of the grade level or position held. We adopted the theme "All for One and One for All" and I applaud the entire school community for being committed to our efforts. ¶

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Students in grades K- 2nd were provided tutoring by the local churches in our community, once per week.¶

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Great Falls Elementary remains a Professional Development (PD) School with the Winthrop University NetScope grant program. The partnership between Winthrop and the school is two-fold: to increase student achievement and assist in developing high quality teachers. Great Falls Elementary was named a Microsoft Mentor School in 2013. Our staff is dedicated to building our Professional Learning Community and is confident that scores will continue to rise. We are stars of excellence..... determined to shine!

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Wendell B. Sumter, Principal¶

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Nancy Jolly-Smith, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	48	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	77.7%	89.6%	88.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.3%	81.3%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.1%	77.1%	64.0%

* Only students at the highest elementary 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	85.6
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)

Great Falls Elementary School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
X	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.
	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	3.3	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	96.1%	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 3-5							
All Students	633.9	628.3	620.8	636.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	631.9	630.1	626.9	639.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	636.1	626.3	615.0	633.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	640.4	638.4	627.2	639.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	622.6	612.2	611.5	630.3	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.4	622.0	612.6	629.4	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	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	74	637.7	97.3	74	624.7	100.0
	4	50	620.3	100.0	50	626.5	100.0
	5	58	615.8	100.0	58	606.1	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	35	615.2	100.0	39	628.4	100.0
	4	50	612.9	100.0	50	638.8	100.0
	5	29	606.0	100.0	29	591.6	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	60	640.4	100.0	60	621.2	100.0
	4	67	633.1	100.0	67	634.1	100.0
	5	48	626.7	100.0	48	629.2	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	31	613.6	100.0	30	630.9	100.0
	4	67	618.8	100.0	67	645.3	100.0
	5	24	636.3	100.0	24	619.6	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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	1201011
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	628.4	628.2	611.3	633.2	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	622.2	624.3	610.0	632.2	99.5	99.7	99.8	N/A
Female	635.0	632.4	612.7	634.1	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
White	638.1	638.6	622.2	643.5	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
African American	616.5	615.4	597.2	620.3	99.6	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	585.7	583.9	575.8	603.0	98.9	99.5	98.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	621.2	619.8	604.0	623.3	99.6	99.8	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
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	609.2	612.9	616.7	619.5	99.9	99.8	99.9	N/A
Male	602.3	611.9	614.1	622.5	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
Female	616.1	613.9	619.6	616.6	100.0	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	623.0	624.1	632.9	633.2	99.8	99.6	99.7	N/A
African American	595.8	601.1	600.4	606.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	568.9	586.6	584.2	587.2	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	599.4	604.4	607.9	609.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	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
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	224.8	214.3	78.4	72.2	99.4	99.7	100.0	75.1
Male	220.1	213.7	78.9	73.8	99.4	100.0	100.0	71.2
Female	229.2	214.8	77.8	70.5	99.4	99.4	100.0	79.5
White	230.5	221.1	81.6	75.6	99.4	99.4	100.0	76.9
African American	219.0	207.5	74.3	68.6	99.4	100.0	100.0	73.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	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	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	208.9	198.1	N/A	65.7	100.0	100.0	N/A	36.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	219.7	209.6	75.6	68.8	99.1	99.5	100.0	65.8
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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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	1201011
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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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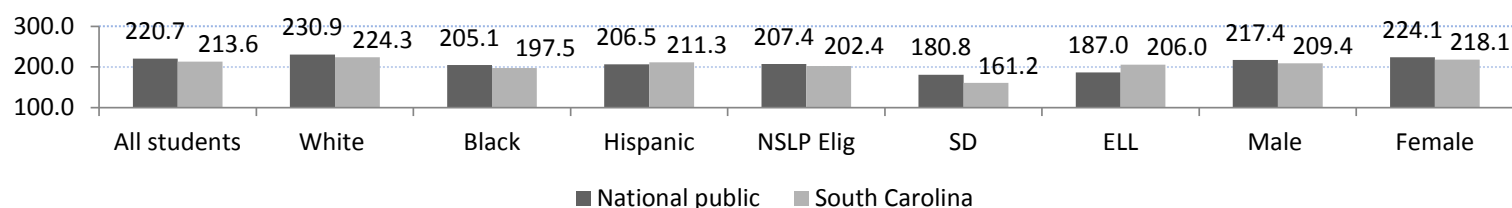
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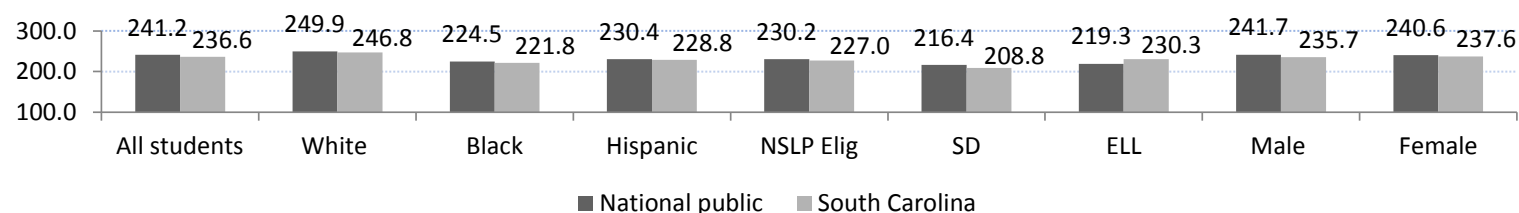
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

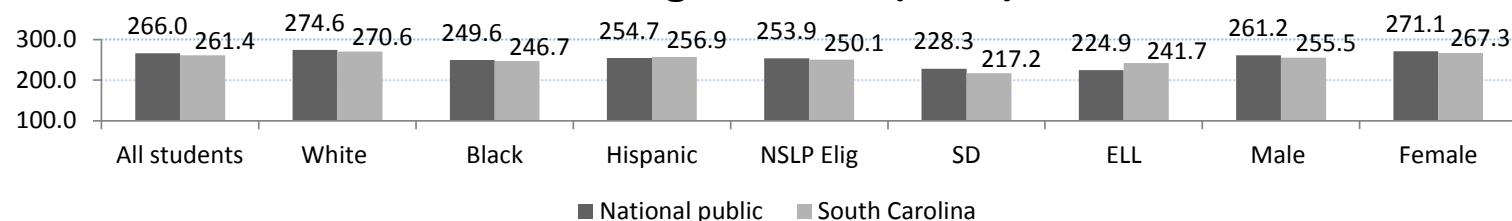
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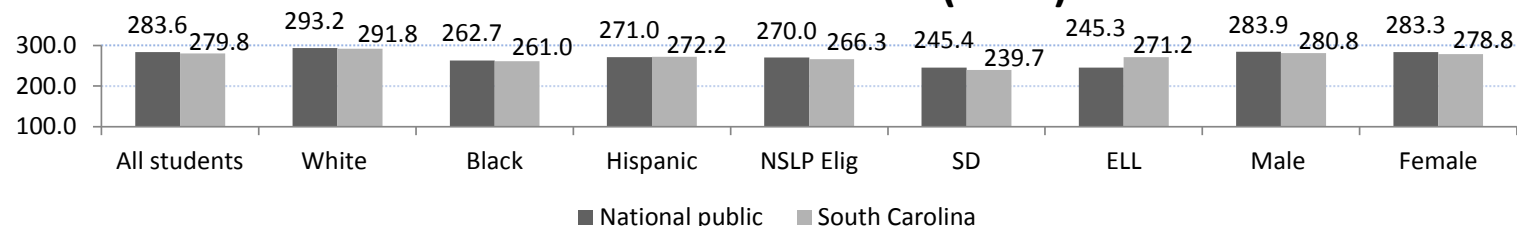
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample