

Williams Memorial Elementary

290 South Metts Street
Saint George, SC 29477

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	707 Students	
Principal	Jeffrey Beckwith	843-563-3231
Superintendent	Dr. Morris Ravenell	843-563-4535
Board Chair	Dr. Kenneth Jenkins	843-563-3228

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	Excellent	Good
2011	Good	Average
2010	Good	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.

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

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

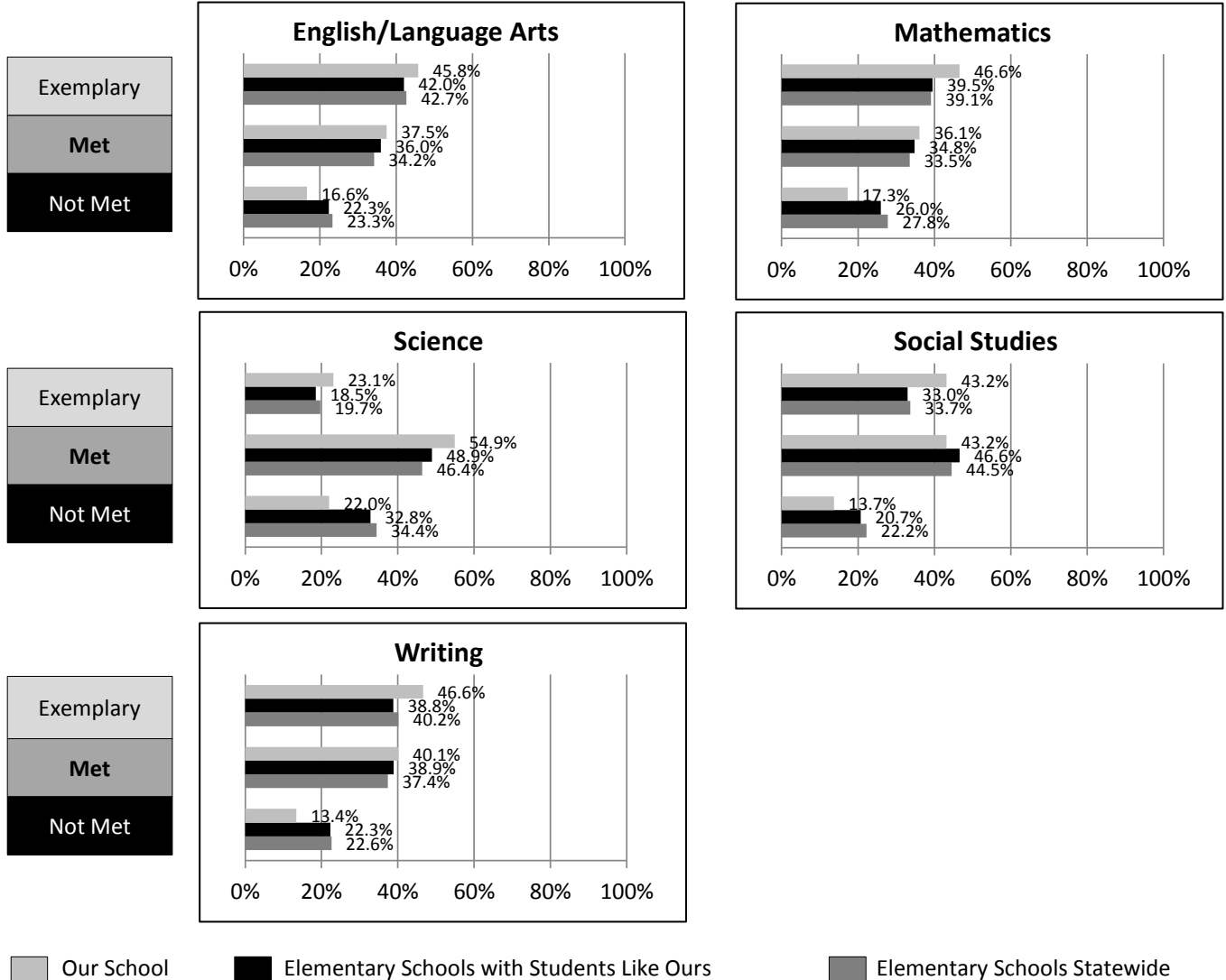
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 99.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
28	47	54	2	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 = 707)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	2.7%	Up from 1.8%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.4%	Up from 4.4%	7.1%	7.3%
With disabilities	17.0%	Up from 16.2%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.4%	Down from 73.3%	61.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	78.3%	Down from 86.7%	83.8%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.7%	Down from 93.4%	89.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 91.1%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,914	Down 2.2%	\$48,645	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	8.0 days	Up from 5.8 days	10.8 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	2.6 to 1	Down from 19.3 to 1	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 86.4%	90.3%	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	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,814	Down 1.0%	\$7,569	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.7%	Down from 68.0%	66.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.1%	Up from 64.0%	65.8%	66.0%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, Williams Memorial Elementary remained consistent in providing students with a top of the line, student-centered educational experience. As a result of our hard work, WMES received a “Good” rating on last year’s state report card, a grade of “B” for our federal accountability score and we were recognized as a “Cool School” by Channel 2 News for all of the amazing things taking place at WMES.

WMES enters its fifth year as a TAP (Teacher Advancement Program) school, providing teachers with on going, focused professional development and teacher performance incentives for both student and school growth. Last year, WMES received the highest TAP score of five for overall school growth, the highest score a school can receive from the State Department of Education.

All of the teachers at WMES remain highly qualified with fourteen of them being Nationally Board Certified. In the classrooms, students are being offered sound standards based instruction through student-centered, hands on activities. The teachers analyze all of the data from each of the school’s many assessments to develop differentiated learning opportunities through small group instruction, literacy work stations, learning centers and Writer’s Workshops.

Beyond the classroom, hundreds of our students excelled in one of our many extra-curricular offerings that include Chorus, Basketball, Student Council, the Birthday Bunch, Soccer, TNT News Team, Drama, Art Club and Cheerleading. Also, our Robotics team came in first place at the Dorchester Regional Qualifier, allowing them the opportunity to compete at the state competition for the third straight year.

Our parents, grandparents, and community members continue to play an active role in the school by volunteering to be on the School Improvement Council or by participating in our very hard working PTA. Families and community members joined us at our Academic Night, Grandparent Luncheons, Veteran’s Day Luncheon, WMES sporting events and Character Student of the Month breakfasts.

As we close the door on another successful school year, we can say with complete confidence that we are and always will be “PAWS”-itively the Best.

Janine Parks, SIC Chairperson

Jeffrey Beckwith, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	92	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.4%	86.9%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.4%	85.9%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.1%	88.0%	73.3%

* 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	90.9
Overall Grade Conversion	A

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)

Williams Memorial Elementary has been designated as a:

X	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.
	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	N/A	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.5%	0.0%	No
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	644.1	649.8	636.6	658.2	99.7	99.7	98.0
Male	641.8	649.0	638.1	661.7	99.4	99.4	97.4
Female	646.9	650.9	634.8	654.2	100.0	100.0	98.9
White	661.8	667.8	651.8	673.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	622.7	628.3	620.0	639.6	100.0	100.0	96.8
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	601.0	603.9	601.1	614.5	98.6	98.6	92.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.0	635.6	626.9	647.7	99.5	99.5	97.2
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

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	100	645.8	100.0	100	635.3	100.0
4	101	641.5	100.0	101	651.3	100.0	
5	81	651.3	100.0	81	654.7	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	51	605.9	100.0	50	653.5	100.0	
4	101	639.7	100.0	100	656.1	100.0	
5	39	626.3	100.0	42	660.8	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	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	110	652.0	100.0	110	639.0	100.0
4	98	636.7	99.0	98	647.7	99.0	
5	101	642.7	100.0	101	663.3	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	53	627.0	96.4	53	660.9	94.6	
4	95	640.2	97.9	95	661.1	97.9	
5	52	639.6	100.0	50	650.0	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 1804018

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	635.4	640.4	632.7	650.5	99.4	99.4	98.8	N/A
Male	632.6	641.2	636.1	654.6	99.3	99.3	98.3	N/A
Female	638.7	639.5	628.3	646.1	99.6	99.6	99.3	N/A
White	654.8	661.2	652.1	670.9	99.1	99.1	100.0	N/A
African American	618.8	621.4	618.0	632.3	100.0	100.0	98.2	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	594.6	596.1	596.7	612.4	99.1	99.1	94.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	625.8	629.2	624.8	641.3	99.7	99.7	98.4	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	618.5	622.8	631.2	634.7	99.4	99.4	99.7	N/A
Male	610.2	618.9	630.2	638.8	99.2	99.2	99.3	N/A
Female	627.3	626.9	632.2	629.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
White	636.5	633.9	649.6	649.8	98.9	98.9	100.0	N/A
African American	605.1	613.1	614.9	623.4	99.6	99.6	99.4	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	570.7	581.7	586.3	603.2	100.0	100.0	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	613.6	618.8	626.3	628.8	99.2	99.2	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	225.8	216.4	77.5	72.0	98.7	98.7	100.0	83.1
Male	225.4	220.4	76.7	71.1	97.6	97.6	100.0	77.0
Female	226.2	212.2	78.2	72.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.8
White	231.8	223.8	81.0	77.3	97.1	97.1	100.0	80.0
African American	219.7	207.9	74.1	68.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.8
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	223.8	214.7	75.9	70.8	99.1	99.1	100.0	79.5
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

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 1804018

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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