



Merrywood Elementary School

329 Deadfall Road West
Greenwood, SC 29649

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	537 Students	
Principal	Debra K. Green	864-941-5700
Superintendent	Darrell Johnson	864-941-5400
Board Chair	Shell Dula	864-227-1994

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Good	Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Good	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.

<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

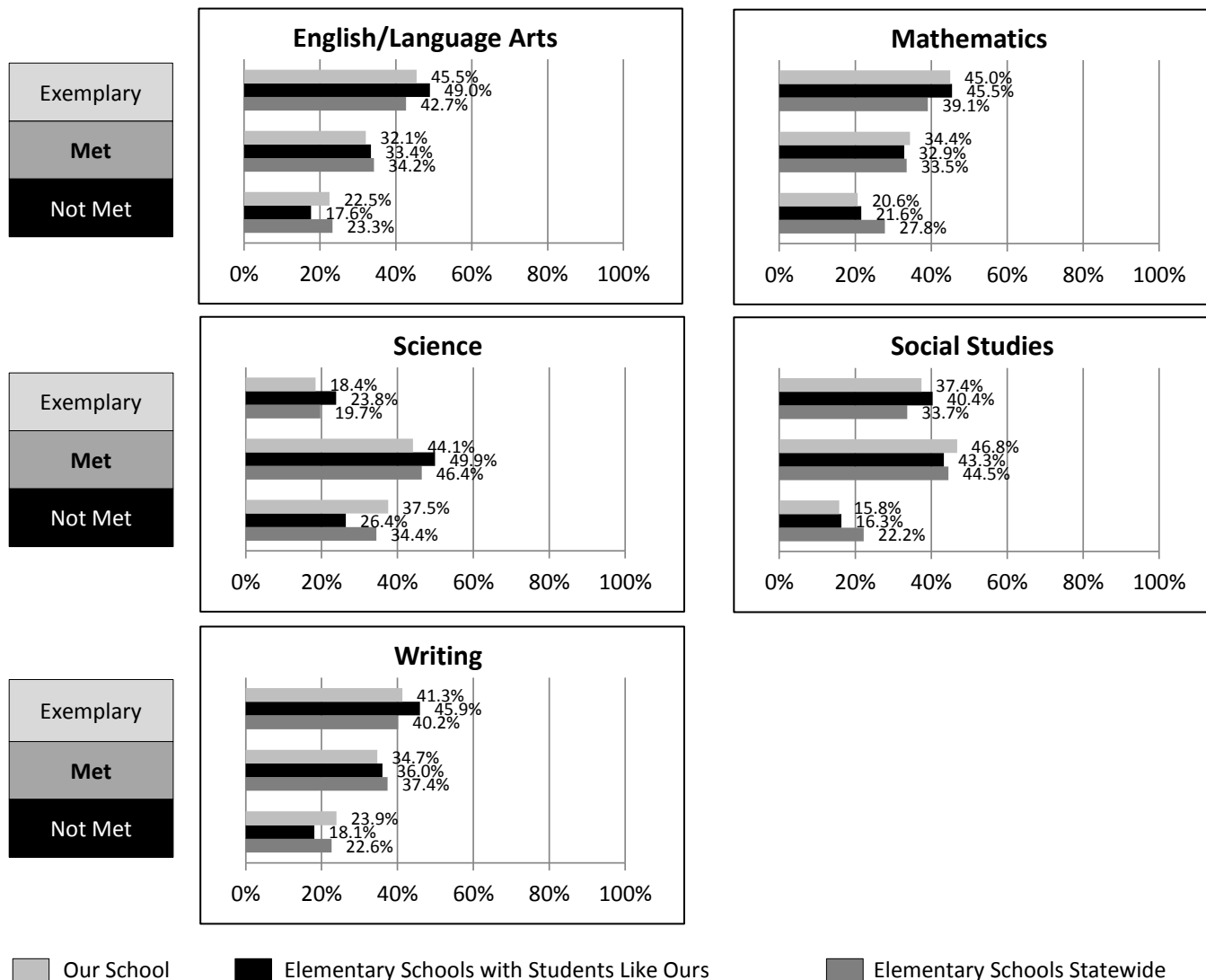
97.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
48	35	12	1	0

* 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

N/A-Not Applicable

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 537)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	98.0%	Down from 98.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.7%	No change	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 96.0%	96.5%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.4%	Down from 9.3%	9.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	12.8%	Up from 12.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.5%	No change	1.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 36)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 73.5%	64.1%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.9%	Down from 91.2%	85.7%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Up from 84.1%	90.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Up from 92.4%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,200	Up 0.2%	\$49,668	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	16.0 days	Down from 16.9 days	11.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 21.0 to 1	20.4 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Up from 86.6%	90.6%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,862	Up 6.0%	\$7,252	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.7%	Down from 70.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.2%	Up from 68.0%	66.8%	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

The ultimate goal of the Merrywood Elementary family is to leave a lasting impression that inspires, encourages, and even transpires its students. Our mission to “educate students through challenging learning opportunities and provide the LIFESKILLS for responsible and caring citizenship” enhances our motto, “One for All and All for One.”

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In May Merrywood received the Upstate Diversity Leadership Award for 2013. This award known as the William “Bill” T. Wylie VALUED Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity is given to one K-12 school in the upstate. The Diversity Award in combination with our Red Carpet and Palmetto Silver Awards is evidence that our faculty and staff along with caring and responsible parents, strive to meet the individual needs of all of our students. Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) Data disaggregation, collaborative professional learning communities, engaging lesson planning, constant and immediate remediation or acceleration, and the use of technology are vital tools used to help meet these individual needs. Students also have an opportunity to excel academically through opportunities such as Brain Boosters, GATAS, Smart board activities, small group instruction in math and reading, Science Fair, Accelerated Math and Odyssey Computer programming. ☐

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Merrywood’s implementation of the Lifelong Guidelines and LIFESKILLS character education program developed by the Susan Kovalik Institute has proven to be successful in decreasing the number of disruptive off-task student behaviors that interfere with the development of a positive classroom learning environment. This community building program based on eighteen basic character traits promotes a strong family atmosphere where all students and staff members are respected and appreciated. The LIFESKILLS program is implemented daily through classroom community meetings, our WMER news program, and in all academic and fine arts areas.☐

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We are proud of the many opportunities students have at Merrywood Elementary School. These opportunities include service learning projects such as United Way, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Recycling, Student Council, and a canned food drive for the Salvation Army, to name a few. Students also have an opportunity to participate in family nights, Career Day, Kangaroo Math Club, Student Council, Musketeer Mailing Club, and the WMER news show.☐

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As you can see, Merrywood Elementary is a great place to work and learn. It is through the combined efforts of our capable and eager students, dedicated teachers and support staff, and committed and involved parents that students are given numerous opportunities to learn and grow as readers, writers, scientists, historians, and mathematicians. It is very evident to the Greenwood community and beyond that the Merrywood faculty, staff, parents, and students are “One for All and All for One” in our efforts towards continuous improvement.

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Sheree Hill, School Improvement Council☐

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Debra K. Green, Principal

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	36	73	33
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.9%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	94.6%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	94.5%	81.3%

* 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	87.7
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)

Merrywood Elementary 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.
X	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			0	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers			7.3	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective	
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes	
Student attendance rate	96.6%	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	644.8	649.6	621.6	641.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	639.0	649.6	627.4	639.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	653.8	649.7	614.0	646.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	661.1	669.3	645.9	655.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	623.4	621.9	589.4	624.3	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	607.8	598.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.4	628.6	603.7	627.1	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	82	643.9	100.0	82	622.0	100.0
	4	85	643.6	100.0	85	645.1	100.0
	5	72	657.7	100.0	72	650.4	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	42	599.6	100.0	40	631.8	100.0
	4	85	624.4	100.0	85	652.9	100.0
	5	35	632.8	100.0	37	647.4	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	80	642.7	100.0	80	631.9	100.0
	4	76	639.0	100.0	76	649.3	100.0
	5	75	652.7	100.0	75	669.5	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	39	603.5	100.0	41	631.5	100.0
	4	76	623.3	100.0	76	650.8	100.0
	5	37	637.6	100.0	38	635.4	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	2450012
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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	637.9	644.3	620.7	638.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	632.3	642.0	620.5	640.6	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	644.1	646.8	620.9	636.0	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
White	660.3	669.4	647.1	655.1	99.8	99.7	99.7	N/A
African American	618.3	619.5	597.0	622.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	624.4	598.7	621.3	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	594.7	599.1	582.0	605.4	99.2	98.8	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	616.7	627.6	599.2	626.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.4	626.8	606.8	626.6	99.9	99.8	99.8	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	623.3	626.4	633.3	632.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Male	617.9	625.8	635.9	635.5	99.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	629.1	627.1	630.4	628.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
White	648.4	649.0	663.1	654.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
African American	600.2	603.8	604.5	610.0	99.9	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	600.7	610.0	605.8	616.5	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	567.8	575.3	579.2	590.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	598.3	610.6	606.8	616.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	605.7	609.5	612.9	615.1	99.9	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	228.0	223.3	80.0	72.5	97.6	97.6	100.0	74.4
Male	225.9	225.9	79.6	74.0	96.5	96.5	100.0	70.0
Female	230.2	220.8	80.4	71.1	98.8	98.8	100.0	78.9
White	238.4	236.1	86.0	75.8	97.8	97.8	100.0	80.6
African American	217.9	209.7	73.5	68.2	96.9	96.9	100.0	67.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	217.6	212.9	71.5	71.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	74.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.8	197.0	70.4	63.4	87.7	87.7	100.0	41.9
Limited English Proficient	204.3	206.8	69.2	68.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	73.3
Subsidized Meals	219.1	210.5	74.1	69.2	96.7	96.7	100.0	64.2
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.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	2450012
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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
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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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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



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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