

Whitmire Community Elementary

2597 SC Highway 66
Whitmire, SC 29178

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	241 Students	
Principal	Joey L. Haney	803-694-2320
Superintendent	Bennie Bennett	803-321-2600
Board Chair	Jody Hamm	803-276-7552

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	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

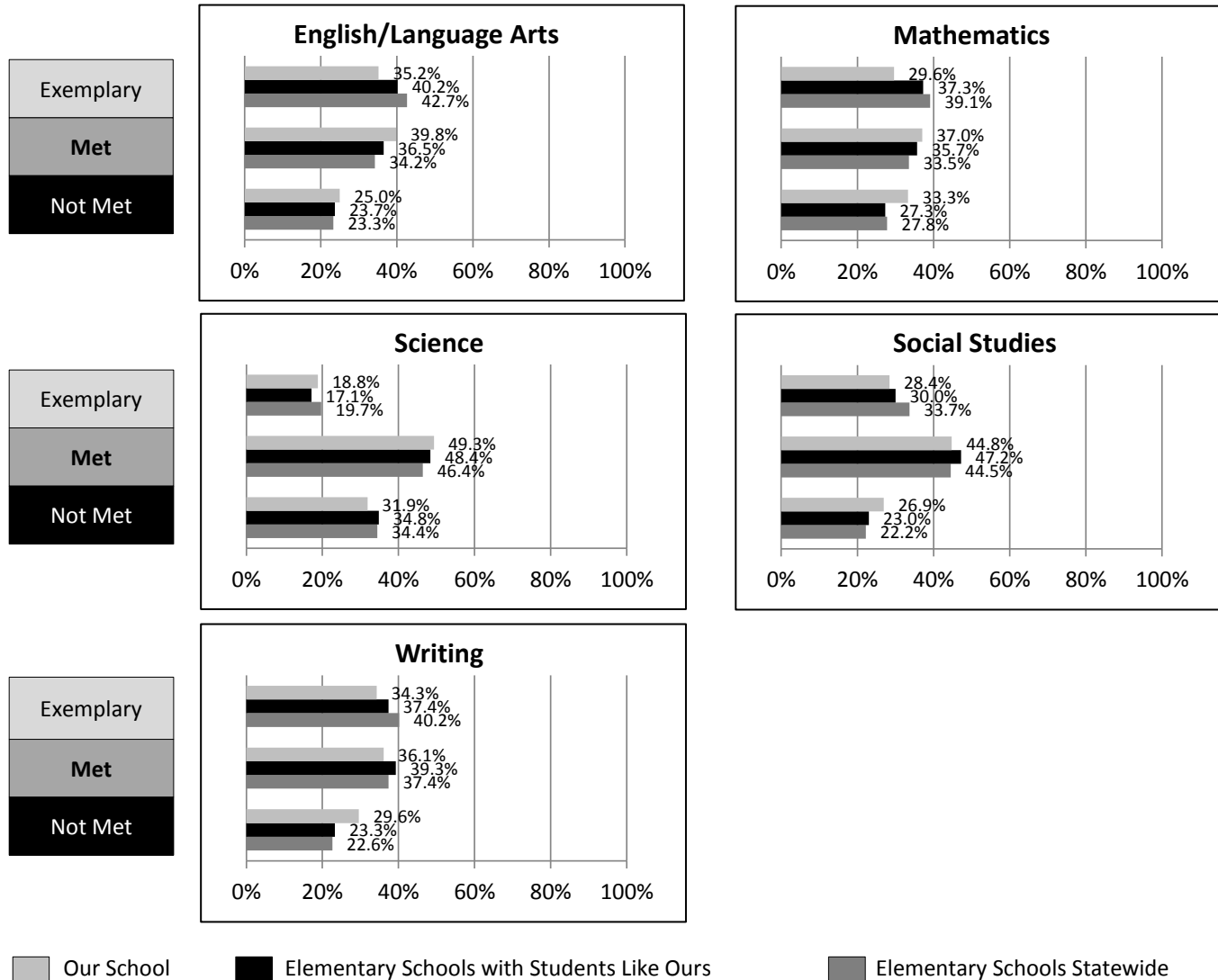
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
25	34	68	4	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

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

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 241)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.3%	Down from 1.9%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	96.4%	Up from 96.1%	96.3%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.6%	Up from 5.7%	6.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.0%	Down from 14.1%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 1.8%	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 3.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 24)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 66.7%	60.2%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Up from 83.3%	83.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.5%	Up from 84.0%	89.0%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.7%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,199	Up 4.3%	\$48,213	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	18.1 days	Down from 18.5 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	19.2 to 1	Up from 17.3 to 1	20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.3%	90.1%	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	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,618	Up 189.3%	\$7,739	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	40.0%	Down from 60.0%	65.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	39.5%	Up from 38.0%	64.9%	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

Whitmire Community School, embedded in the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County, offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The rural town of Whitmire is commonly known to residents and travelers as the Pearl of the Piedmont. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvancEd Standards for Quality. ☒

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The classroom instruction at WCS is based on South Carolina state standards with a focus on reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all grade levels and content areas with a shared responsibility of all students, parents, and teachers. WCS promotes reading and writing throughout the school and community with programs and opportunities such as Family Message Journals, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, SC State Read-In, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week.☒

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WCS continues to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1-10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The Leadership Team analyzes data and has meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers to discuss data, set goals, and decide on the best instructional strategies for students based on individual strengths and weaknesses. Goal-setting is based on data from the following: classroom assessments, Dominie, MAP, PASS, HSAP, and EOC. Computer software such as Odyssey and A+ is used for remediation, enrichment, and credit recovery. A daily enrichment period is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.☒

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Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices, and instructional technology. Teachers are instructional leaders by sharing best practices and technology strategies with their peers. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification.☒

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The WCS Nature Trail is a major addition to the campus. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors. Our school was able to build an outdoor classroom, purchase IPads for the Environmental Science class, and train all teachers in Project Learning Tree with the receipt of a US Forestry Grant. ☒

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WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success. ☒

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Joey L. Haney, Principal

Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	11	41	25
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.3%	92.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.0%	96.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	45.5%	97.5%	84.0%

* 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	87.1
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)

Whitmire Community 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	0	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.4%	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	633.4	630.4	625.6	630.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	620.0	619.2	N/A	631.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	645.9	640.8	634.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	638.7	633.3	629.4	631.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	620.4	622.0	609.2	626.1	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

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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	25	628.4	100.0	25	606.7	100.0
	4	36	639.1	100.0	36	650.8	100.0
	5	39	628.6	100.0	39	630.2	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	12	619.6	100.0	13	626.1	100.0
	4	36	641.8	100.0	36	638.8	100.0
	5	19	627.2	100.0	20	618.7	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

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
		2014					
	3	43	634.5	100.0	43	622.0	100.0
	4	29	625.6	100.0	29	632.2	100.0
	5	43	637.9	100.0	43	637.9	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	22	622.9	100.0	21	617.9	100.0
	4	29	627.3	100.0	29	643.2	100.0
	5	22	626.1	100.0	21	625.9	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 3601021

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	632.1	639.8	622.9	640.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	624.8	636.9	620.3	639.9	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	639.3	642.6	625.6	640.4	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
White	649.9	660.6	645.9	654.4	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
African American	611.2	612.8	594.0	620.0	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	618.7	629.2	612.9	635.2	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	589.5	590.2	581.6	603.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	616.0	629.0	612.5	634.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	618.3	623.4	606.4	626.8	99.8	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	621.7	631.7	629.2	639.1	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	612.9	629.0	627.2	640.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	631.1	634.6	631.3	637.5	99.5	99.8	100.0	N/A
White	641.6	650.0	652.9	655.6	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
African American	598.1	609.1	599.7	617.6	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	616.6	630.6	627.0	640.8	98.2	99.4	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	570.7	584.3	582.8	594.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	609.2	625.6	623.5	637.0	99.2	99.2	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.6	616.9	612.7	627.0	99.9	99.9	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	225.9	218.7	76.1	71.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.3
Male	220.5	216.7	75.5	72.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.4
Female	231.9	220.9	76.9	71.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.4
White	232.2	225.9	80.1	76.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.8
African American	217.1	208.2	71.1	66.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	227.5	221.5	75.5	70.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	82.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	206.7	200.3	66.4	66.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	62.7
Limited English Proficient	224.7	216.6	73.7	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	78.6
Subsidized Meals	221.1	213.1	73.2	69.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	77.3
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 3601021

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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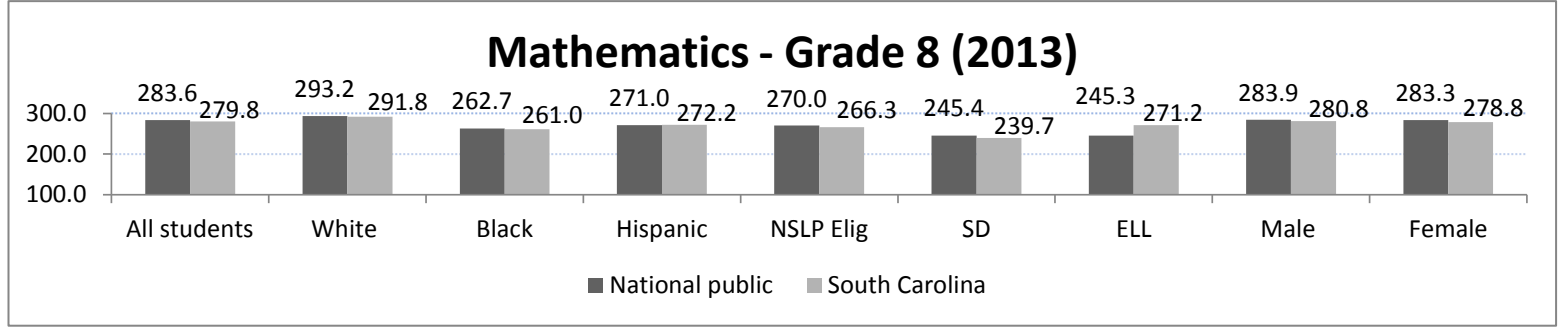
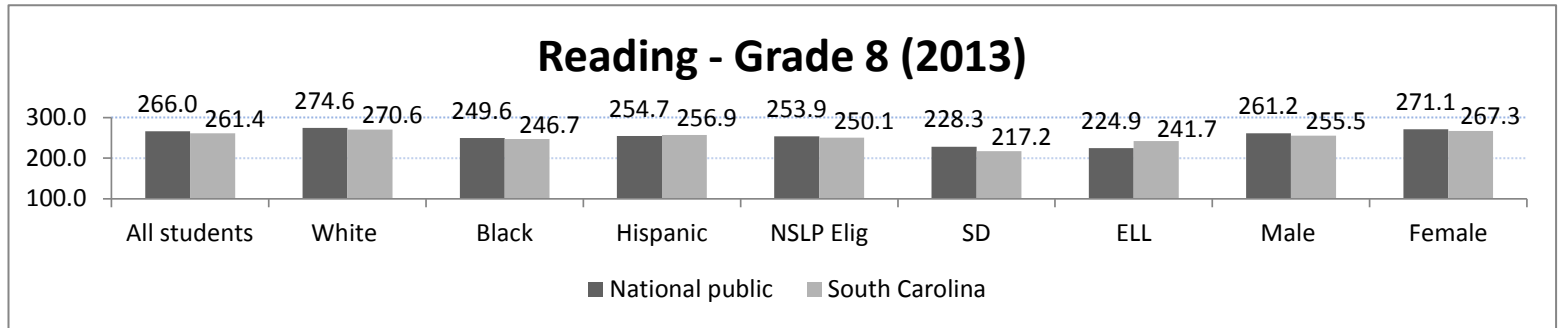
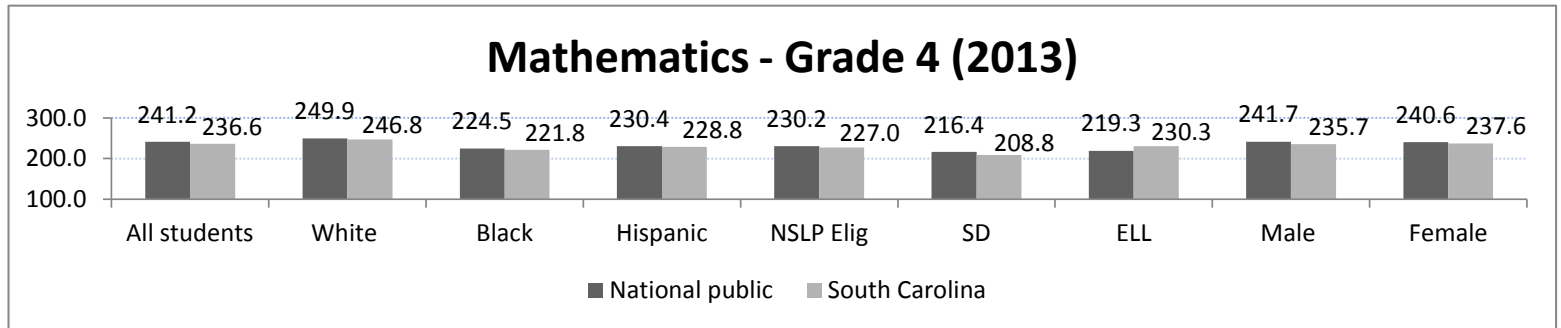
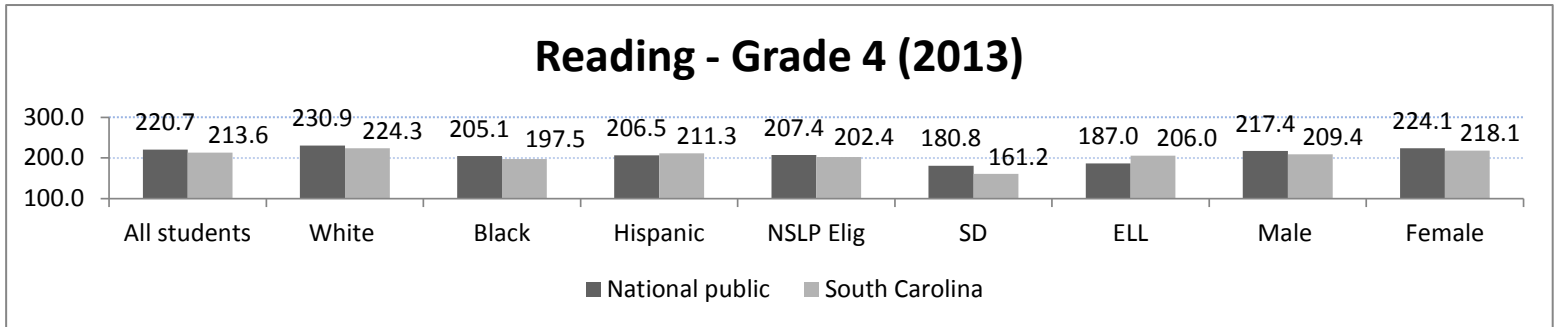
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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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