

Gadsden Elementary

1660 South Goodwin Circle
Gadsden, SC 29052

Grades	PK-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	135 Students	
Principal	David Lee Jackson	803-353-2231
Superintendent	Dr. Percy A. Mack	803-231-7500
Board Chair	Aaron Bishop	803-231-7556

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	Excellent
2011	Average	Good
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

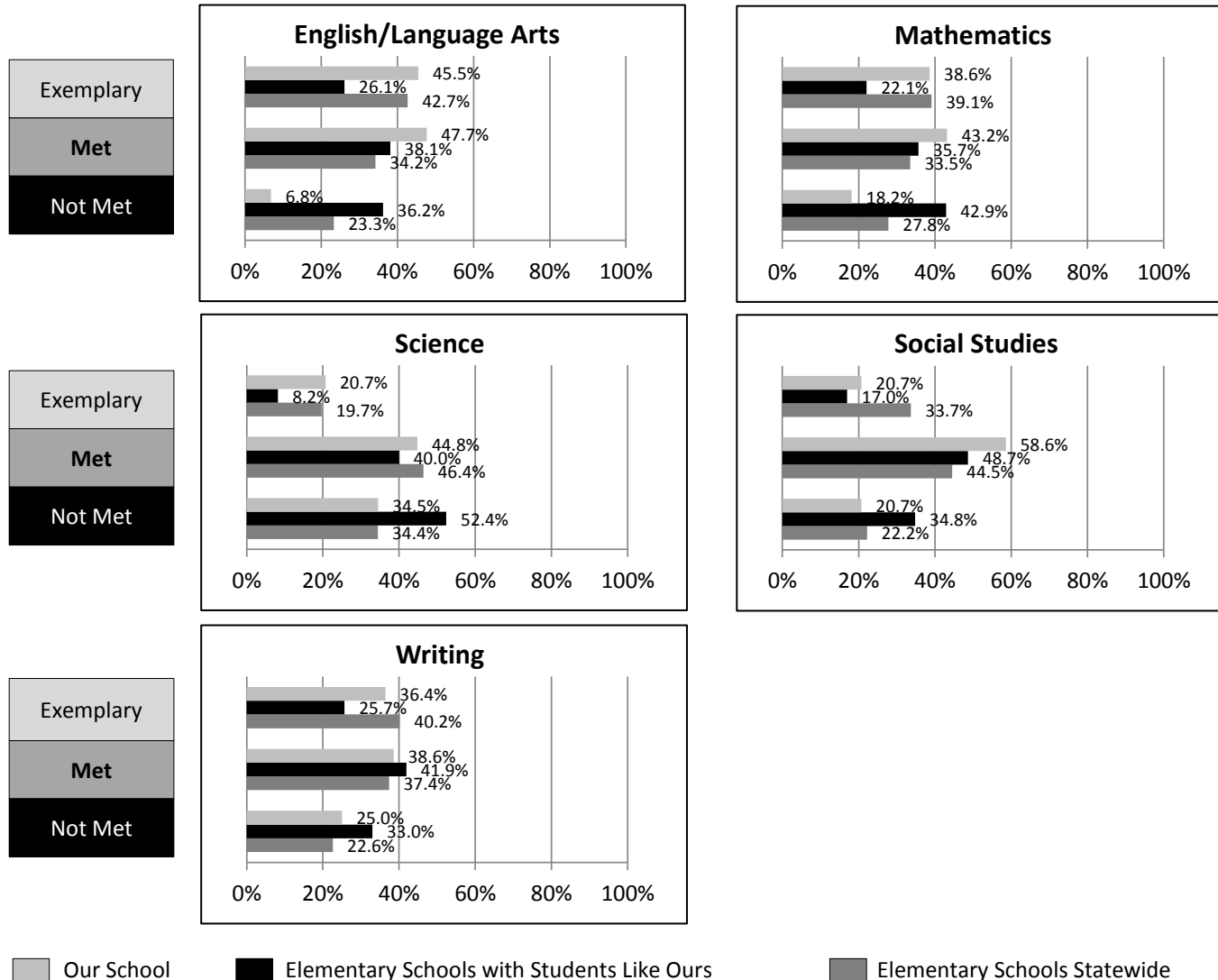
100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
1	6	101	47	16

* 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 = 135)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	0.9%	Down from 2.8%	1.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	95.8%	Down from 95.9%	96.0%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.8%	Up from 2.8%	2.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	10.1%	Up from 9.0%	14.0%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Down from 2.8%	2.9%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.6%	Up from 68.8%	59.4%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Up from 81.3%	74.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 89.8%	83.3%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.1%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,716	Up 1.6%	\$45,742	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Down from 12.2 days	10.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	6.8 to 1	Down from 11.3 to 1	18.5 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	Up from 89.4%	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	Average	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$14,797	Up 23.9%	\$8,774	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.5%	Down from 69.0%	64.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.0%	No change	64.2%	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

Gadsden Elementary, a Title One school of excellence, continues to excel as student achievement being our number one focus. During the 2013-2014 school year, Gadsden Elementary continued to demonstrate its commitment to student academic achievement and the school's National Blue Ribbon status and motto, "A Place of Great Expectations." Gadsden Elementary earned an ESEA report grade of "A" (99.5), and an Absolute rating of "Good" and a Growth rating of "Average" on the SC State Report Card. As a result of these report card grades, Gadsden Elementary earned a Palmetto Gold and Silver Award. Additionally, Gadsden Elementary earned a "Closing the Achievement Gap" award.

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With an increased focus on the individual student, Gadsden Elementary continued to progress monitor students' academic performance in effort to ensure our students continued academic growth. Faculty/staff continued to allow data to inform our decision making in the classroom. Small group instruction based on students' area(s) of weakness as identified by MAP, PASS, Dominie and a number of other data sources guided our interventions, as well as classroom instructional practices in effort to continuously move our students forward.□

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A focus on literacy continued to be an integral part of the school as our reading teacher, as well as all classroom practitioners focused on the use of leveled texts in the classroom, Reading A-Z texts in the classroom via small groups, and Reading Recovery for our 1st grade students to build reading comprehension and fluency and thereby ensure they are ready to demonstrate these skills at the next grade level. Our reading teacher also utilizes Fountas & Pinnell's Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) with our Kindergarten through third students that demonstrated the need for additional assistance based on Dominie test results, this support was provided in small groups.□

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Our families were invited to attend our Data Gallery Night which allowed students and their family to see data displayed on data boards from various assessments which is carefully analyzed and used to guide instruction. In addition, our family and community were once again invited to become one with the school in the engagement of our students in quality, hands-on learning by attending our Family Science and Math Night. This event allowed parents to see science and math in action. Hands-on science for the family allowed students and their family to engage in science experiments, get down and dirty with "oobleck", and witness that math too can be fun, engaging and quite tasty – with a jar full of "Jelly Beans" at an estimation station. This enabled our students to get prepared for PASS while entertaining their family, peers and the community as Scientists and mathematicians. □

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Gadsden Elementary staff takes pride in continuing to ensure that students are soaring to meet the academic standards at each grade level by providing an environment in which students are able to continuously make gains that allow them to meet and exceed grade level expectations through classroom interventions focusing on small group instruction as it continues to be "A Place of Great Expectations".

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David L. Jackson, Interim Principal

Mrs. De'Nitra, School Improvement Council Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	15	15	13
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.7%	86.7%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.3%	86.6%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.4%	92.9%	92.3%

* 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	98
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)

Gadsden 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			0.9	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers			4.1	7.3%
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective	
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes	
Student attendance rate	95.8%	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	651.6	648.8	624.7	629.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	651.6	648.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	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	650.8	649.6	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
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	18	658.4	100.0	18	647.3	100.0
	4	14	649.6	100.0	14	668.7	100.0
	5	15	643.3	100.0	15	651.2	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	9	I/S	I/S	9	I/S	I/S
	4	14	633.0	100.0	14	657.4	100.0
	5	7	I/S	I/S	8	I/S	I/S
	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	16	667.2	100.0	16	650.0	100.0
	4	14	632.9	100.0	14	623.6	100.0
	5	15	653.4	100.0	15	671.0	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
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	8	I/S	100.0	8	I/S	100.0
	4	14	608.3	100.0	14	624.6	100.0
	5	7	I/S	100.0	8	I/S	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	4001036
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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	635.8	627.0	611.2	635.9	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	630.1	625.3	610.9	635.0	99.7	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	641.7	628.8	611.5	637.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	N/A
White	682.9	679.4	660.6	680.4	100.0	99.9	99.7	N/A
African American	624.0	613.1	598.8	624.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	647.8	653.9	629.2	641.2	100.0	100.0	98.5	N/A
Hispanic	632.0	630.7	607.3	639.2	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	588.7	578.4	573.3	599.2	99.1	99.7	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	622.9	627.4	599.8	625.0	100.0	100.0	99.3	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.9	613.3	598.1	623.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	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	618.9	620.8	627.9	636.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	610.3	617.1	625.5	637.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	627.4	624.4	630.3	635.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	668.1	668.3	683.4	692.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	605.1	607.0	612.1	620.4	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	636.3	650.8	654.6	670.4	98.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	621.0	626.8	630.5	644.4	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	573.5	580.1	581.4	596.7	100.0	100.0	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	603.1	619.3	617.0	630.9	99.4	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	603.7	606.4	610.3	620.1	100.0	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	224.5	216.3	76.2	71.7	99.6	99.3	100.0	74.1
Male	220.4	214.0	75.8	72.9	99.5	99.2	100.0	65.3
Female	228.6	218.6	76.6	70.7	99.7	99.4	100.0	82.2
White	244.6	242.8	88.8	80.4	99.7	99.7	100.0	81.0
African American	219.0	208.7	72.9	69.1	99.6	99.1	100.0	72.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.7
Hispanic	228.7	221.6	78.5	73.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	75.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.6	191.5	64.3	63.4	99.2	98.7	100.0	33.9
Limited English Proficient	211.7	210.9	73.3	66.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	59.5
Subsidized Meals	217.7	208.2	72.4	68.0	99.5	99.3	100.0	71.6
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	4001036
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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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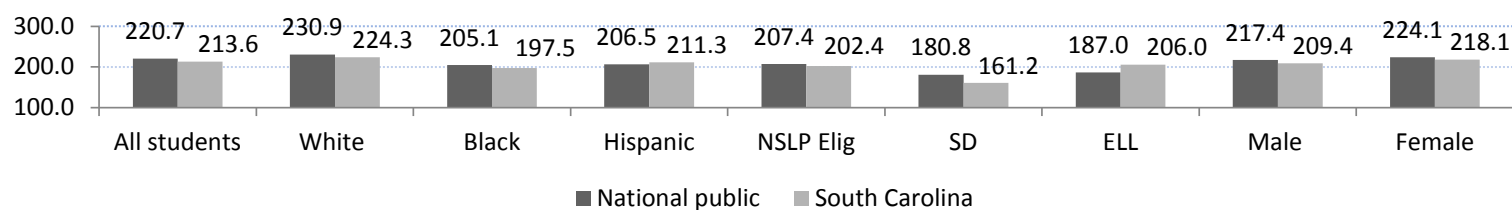
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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



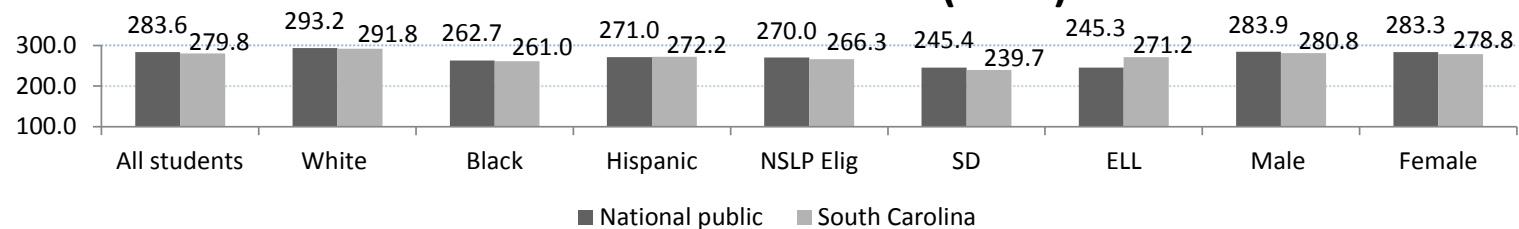
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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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