

Paul Knox Middle School

1804 Wells Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	675 Students	
Principal	Kyle Smith	803-442-6300
Superintendent	Dr. Elizabeth Everitt	803-641-2428
Board Chair	Mrs. Rosemary B. English	803-648-1128

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	Below Average
2012	Average	Average
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

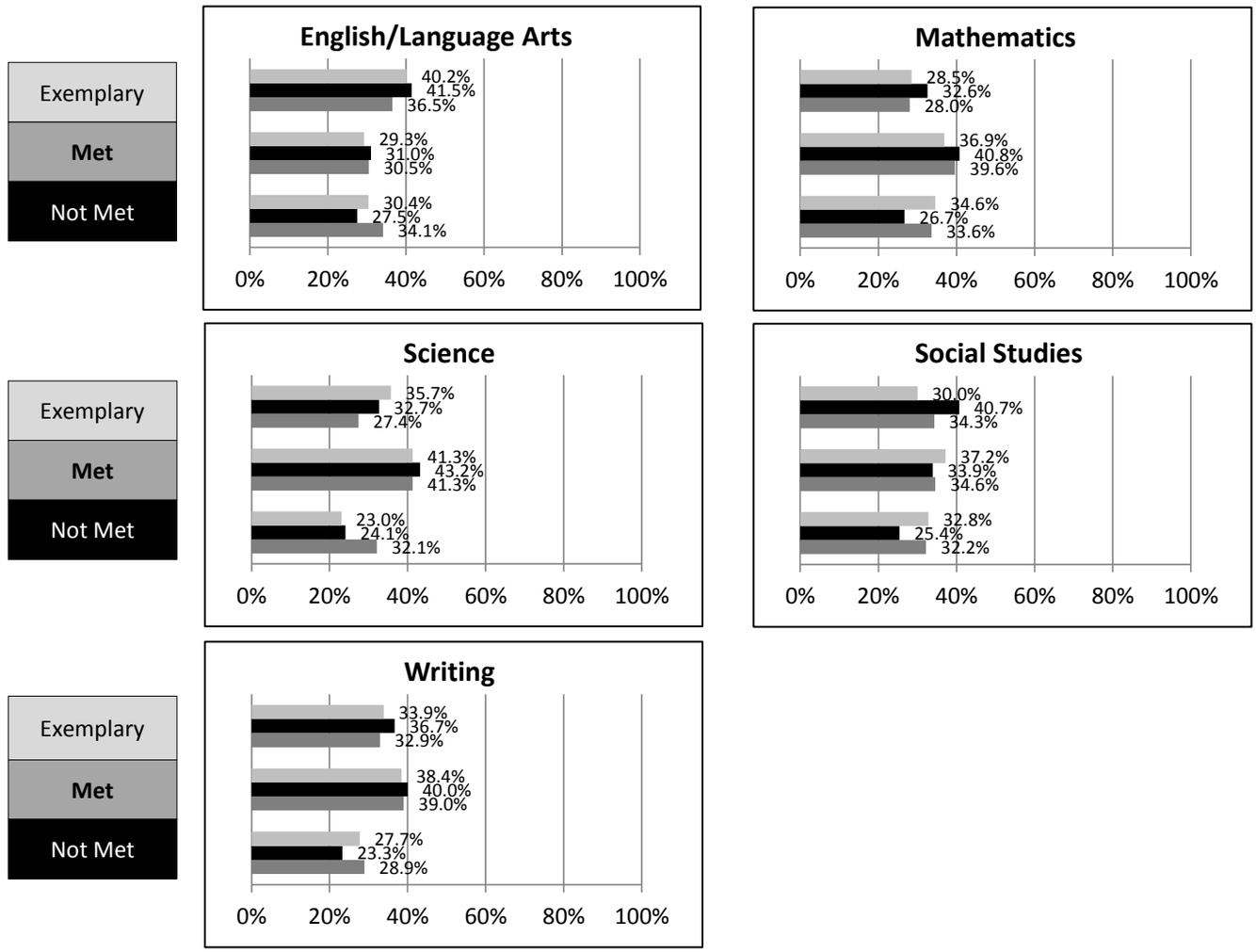
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located	95.4%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
11	19	16	1	0

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

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle 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	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 675)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	40.1%	Down from 44.4%	32.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	No change	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.7%	Up from 19.6%	21.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	10.1%	Down from 11.2%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.6%	Down from 6.1%	4.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.7%	Up from 45.9%	64.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	76.9%	Up from 64.9%	79.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Down from 88.8%	87.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	98.4%	Down from 98.7%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$46,671	Up 0.1%	$48,056	$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	7.2 days	No change	10.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.9 to 1	Down from 28.8 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Down from 93.5%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 78.0%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	$5,564	Down 12.3%	$7,094	$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.1%	Down from 65.0%	62.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	No change	61.2%	61.3%

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

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.9%
English 1	100.0%	96.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	97.6%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Paul Knox Middle School is home to approximately 675 students in grades 6-8 in North Augusta, SC. Our school is traditionally noted as one of the premiere schools in Aiken County and this year was no exception. Our students once performed at high levels in both academic and extra-curricular affairs throughout the year. Academically, our students performed well on End of Course testing and our PASS testing results indicated strong results in several areas but improvement is needed in others. Continuous improvement is always the expectation at Paul Knox Middle School and proper adjustments will be made to see growth in all academic areas.

Paul Knox's mission statement stresses the education of each student and the preparation for high school. Our vision is to provide an outstanding environment where students can become successful members of our global society. This vision requires Paul Knox Middle School to constantly strive to provide our students with additional support. This year, we created enrichment classes to provide additional academic support in our core curriculum classes. We also hired math and ELA tutors to provide support for our students who needed the additional assistance.

With assistance from Public Education Partners and an array of local business and individual supporters, Paul Knox Middle School opened the synergistic lab this year. The synergistic lab is a wonderful facility designed to integrate science knowledge with hands-on activities. The lab is a great addition as we continue to focus on science, technology, engineering and math at Paul Knox Middle School.

In other areas of success:

25 students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars.
36 students qualified for the DUKE TIP program.
24 students were selected for the Aiken county band.
8 students were selected for the All-Region band.
25 students were selected for the Aiken county choir.
100% of our 8th graders passed the Algebra 1 End of Course exams.
100% of our 8th graders passed the English 1 End of Course exams.
116 new students were inducted into our BETA Club.
Our academic team was undefeated and won the Aiken County championship.
Our Future City team placed 1st in Aiken County and 2nd in regional competition.
Our volleyball team completed an undefeated regular season with a record of 12-0.
Our football team completed the season with a 4-3 record.
Our boys' basketball team won the division championship and completed the season with a 12-3 record.
Our girls' basketball team completed the season with a 9-4 record.
Our golf team completed the season with a 6-1 record and a division championship.

As we conclude another successful year, our vision for continued excellence remains.

Kyle A. Smith, Principal
Jane Thornton, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	124	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.5%	83.8%	91.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.5%	74.4%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	86.2%	80.4%

* Only students at the highest middle 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	**81.4**
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	Peformance 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)

Paul Knox Middle 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	1.3	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	96.0%	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 6-8							
All Students	632.3	628.3	642.3	627.3	99.4	99.4	99.3
Male	623.3	626.8	639.1	629.3	98.9	98.9	99.2
Female	642.5	630.0	646.1	625.4	100.0	100.0	99.5
White	650.3	644.2	660.5	640.5	99.7	99.7	98.9
African American	602.1	602.5	611.2	605.6	99.2	99.2	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	623.1	615.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	576.5	582.9	602.2	591.1	97.4	97.4	95.3
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	611.4	610.1	625.9	614.2	99.1	99.1	99.6
Migrant	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

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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	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	248	633.7	100.0	248	624.9	100.0
	7	214	625.4	100.0	214	627.9	100.0
	8	203	619.9	99.0	203	619.2	99.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	123	632.1	98.4	125	648.3	99.2
	7	214	634.3	100.0	212	615.8	100.0
	8	101	643.3	97.0	101	627.2	98.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	208	636.5	98.6	208	619.6	98.6
	7	243	636.1	99.6	243	637.9	99.6
	8	211	623.4	100.0	211	625.6	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	106	640.3	100.0	104	624.2	99.0
	7	239	645.4	98.8	242	623.2	99.2
	8	106	637.1	100.0	105	640.3	100.0

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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	0201007
Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	638.8	636.1	614.1	632.5	99.7	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	634.3	635.8	614.3	634.2	99.7	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	643.6	636.3	613.9	630.6	99.8	99.7	99.4	N/A
White	651.8	648.9	628.0	641.9	99.8	99.8	99.4	N/A
African American	619.2	616.1	593.3	616.6	99.6	99.6	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.6	671.3	640.6	656.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	627.7	625.3	602.5	628.7	100.0	100.0	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	588.9	585.0	573.3	594.3	98.8	98.8	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.0	626.3	600.7	628.6	99.8	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	624.9	621.2	600.7	620.8	99.7	99.7	99.4	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	623.1	622.4	624.6	623.6	99.5	99.5	99.6	N/A
Male	616.4	621.5	624.6	626.2	99.4	99.4	99.4	N/A
Female	630.7	623.4	624.7	620.9	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
White	637.1	634.3	640.3	634.7	99.5	99.5	99.5	N/A
African American	602.8	605.0	602.0	605.9	99.5	99.6	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	650.3	662.9	644.3	665.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	617.5	615.6	617.2	624.7	99.8	99.8	99.3	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.8	96.8	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	571.8	579.8	581.5	585.5	98.6	98.7	98.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	611.1	615.8	615.3	625.5	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.9	607.9	609.8	609.9	99.3	99.3	99.4	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	229.9	224.0	82.4	74.1	99.0	99.2	100.0	82.8
Male	226.8	224.8	82.6	75.9	98.8	98.9	100.0	78.2
Female	233.3	223.1	82.4	72.5	99.3	99.6	100.0	87.8
White	236.3	231.1	86.5	77.5	99.0	99.2	100.0	87.9
African American	219.8	211.7	76.5	68.4	98.8	99.3	100.0	75.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.0
Hispanic	224.8	220.0	78.0	73.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	79.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	202.6	196.2	66.6	65.3	97.2	97.2	100.0	38.3
Limited English Proficient	216.7	216.2	75.8	68.8	100.0	98.5	100.0	68.1
Subsidized Meals	220.9	213.5	77.0	70.0	98.8	99.3	100.0	74.1
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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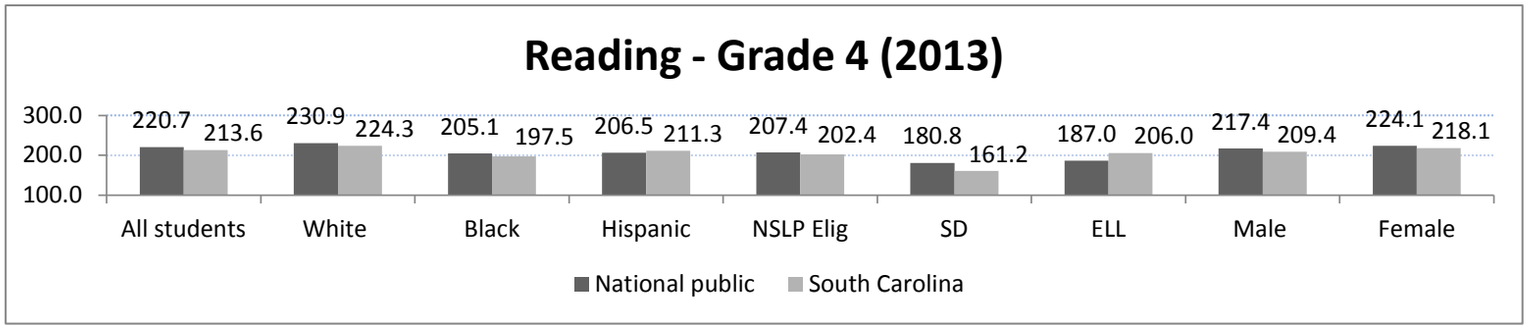
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	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
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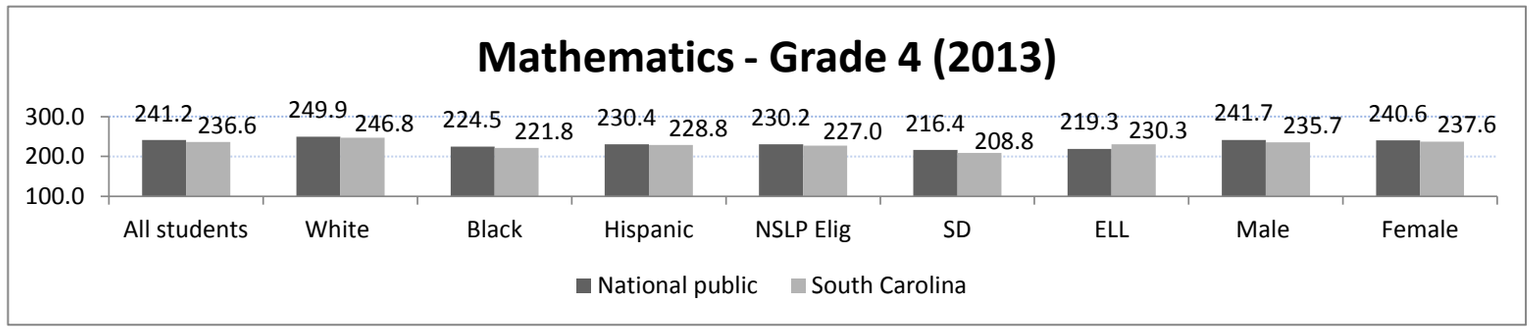
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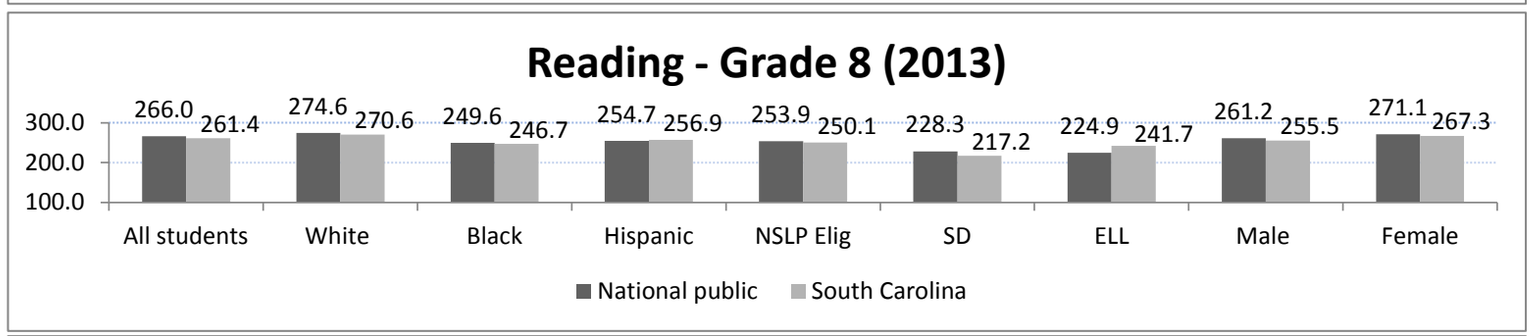
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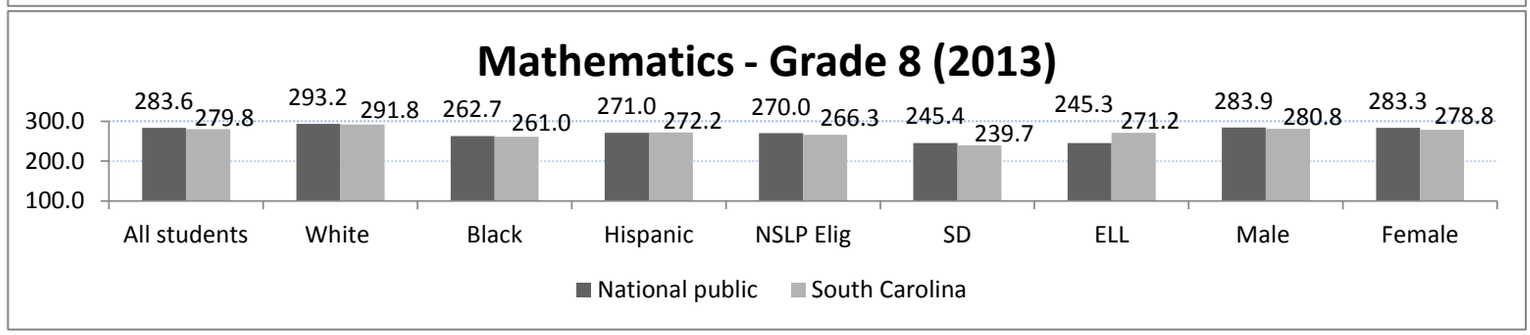
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**Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.*









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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