



Merriwether Middle School

430 Murrah Road
North Augusta, SC 29860

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	370 Students	
Principal	Kevin Butler	803-279-2511
Superintendent	Greg W. Anderson	803-275-4601
Board Chair	J. Carroll Wates	803-637-6732

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

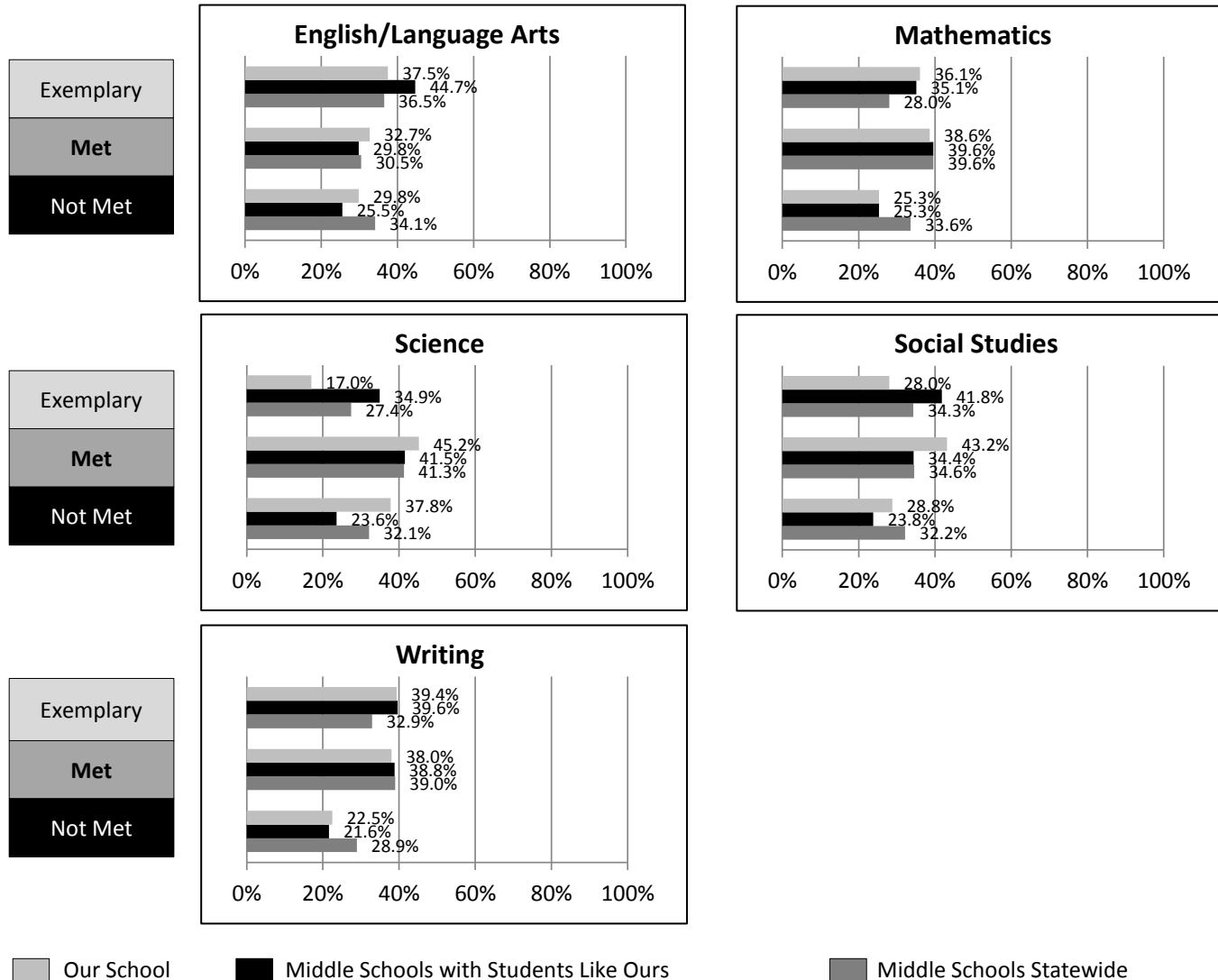
96.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
16	14	9	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 = 370)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	43.1%	Down from 73.4%	33.3%	26.0%
Retention Rate	1.6%	Up from 0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Down from 97.0%	96.5%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	20.8%	Up from 17.9%	23.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.9%	Up from 11.3%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	8.4%	Up from 5.8%	3.3%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Down from 1.0%	0.8%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.8%	Up from 50.0%	60.8%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.8%	Down from 87.5%	77.2%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.3%	Down from 86.8%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 94.3%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,230	Down 2.1%	\$48,058	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Up from 2.1 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	N/A	22.3 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 90.1%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.0%	Up from 94.8%	99.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,060	Up 3.6%	\$6,926	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.5%	Down from 63.0%	63.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.2%	Up from 62.0%	62.7%	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%	98.0%
English 1	100.0%	97.6%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	97.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Merriwether Middle School is located in rural Edgefield County and serves approximately 380 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from various economic and ethnic backgrounds. Merriwether Middle School prides itself on providing each student the academic skills needed to excel. We strive to offer a curriculum that maximizes the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our emerging adolescents. We understand the unique needs and concerns of our young adolescents as well as the developmental challenges of this age group. Our curriculum is designed to assist our middle school students through the transitional period between elementary school and high school. Every student attends five academic classes and two exploratory classes. Exploratory classes include band, chorus, keyboarding, Spanish, computer assisted instruction, physical education and art.☐

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Students have an opportunity to take high school credit courses. English 1, Algebra 1, Band 1, Physical Education, Spanish and Keyboarding/Computer Applications are offered to eighth grade students for high school credit. High school credit in Keyboarding/ Computer Applications and Physical Education is also offered to qualifying seventh grade students. In addition, a new academic support program was established for reading intervention. ☐

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The collaboration between our community, teachers, students, and administration has proven to be an excellent recipe for success. 7 eighth grade students were recognized as S.C. Junior Scholars. The Merriwether Middle School Honor Band received a superior rating in the SCBDA-Concert Festival and a Superior rating in the Carowinds Music Festival. In addition, four students qualified for SCBDA region band. Of our students enrolled in Algebra 1 classes, 100% passed the end-of-course Algebra 1 exam and 100% of students enrolled in English 1 classes passed the end-of-course English 1 exam. Twenty-five students were qualified to participate in the Duke TIP Program. We expanded our gifted and talented program called GATEway into all three grades this year. Our GATEway program targets gifted and talented students, as well as those qualifying for advanced classes. The purpose of the GATEway program is to promote academic achievement through increased rigor and innovative instructional strategies. Approximately 70 students participated in GATEway this year. ☐

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MMS has also collaborated with Santee Cooperative and Aiken Electric to become a Green Solar Power School. Our sixth grade students had the opportunity to be exposed to the solar power curriculum and build solar power cars. A solar panel was installed on the campus of MMS which produces 1.5-2kw of energy. A dedication ceremony was held and students raced their solar cars for the media. ☐

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Merriwether Middle School is a member of a competitive athletic conference with teams in basketball, volleyball, football and added soccer this year. Edgefield County School District has made it a priority to focus on technology and make it available to students by upgrading the school's WIFI, classroom computer labs and adding a mobile Google Chrome Lab. Our teachers and students have access to two mobile Chrome book labs. The school plans to continue upgrading technology and offering new technological learning opportunities to the students. MMS uses staff email accounts, the PowerSchool online grade-book, and district/school web pages for communication with parents.☐

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The faculty, staff, and administration at Merriwether Middle School are committed to providing the best educational experience for all of our students. Our commitment to increasing student achievement and the overall development of our students to become productive lifelong learners will be made possible by a collaborative effort of all stakeholders.☐

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Evaluations by ☐

Kevin Butler, Principal

Robin Verdery, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	28	99	47
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.6%	85.9%	91.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.3%	89.8%	84.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.3%	91.4%	66.6%

* 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	78
Overall Grade Conversion	C

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)

Merriwether 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.
	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.
X	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	6.9	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	17.2%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.8%	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 6-8							
All Students	627.5	639.7	616.3	629.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	623.1	637.6	619.9	631.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	633.3	642.5	611.9	625.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	632.8	644.2	622.4	629.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	609.1	621.6	592.6	628.4	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	558.0	573.0	556.2	573.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.2	620.0	604.8	617.9	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	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	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	138	629.5	100.0	138	640.6	100.0
	7	116	632.5	100.0	117	637.8	100.0
	8	126	628.3	100.0	126	633.3	100.0
		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	70	611.6	100.0	69	625.3	100.0
	7	117	611.2	100.0	117	607.8	100.0
	8	63	620.7	98.4	63	634.1	100.0

	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	120	633.2	100.0	120	636.0	100.0
	7	136	629.3	100.0	136	641.5	100.0
	8	111	619.0	100.0	111	641.3	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	60	614.9	100.0	60	633.8	100.0
	7	136	620.4	100.0	135	618.5	100.0
	8	55	607.4	100.0	56	650.5	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	1901010
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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	641.9	639.3	619.4	627.7	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	635.8	638.0	616.5	628.0	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	648.3	640.8	622.2	627.3	100.0	99.8	100.0	N/A
White	657.8	653.8	638.1	640.6	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
African American	623.6	623.1	597.1	613.2	100.0	100.0	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	629.2	627.5	N/A	N/A	100.0	97.6	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	599.0	590.8	573.9	598.6	99.2	99.2	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	627.6	625.9	601.4	616.4	100.0	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	620.5	629.6	611.6	624.1	99.7	99.5	99.7	N/A
Male	614.6	627.3	612.6	625.0	99.4	99.4	99.3	N/A
Female	627.6	632.4	610.6	622.9	100.0	99.8	100.0	N/A
White	634.3	642.7	625.0	633.7	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.4	613.9	595.3	611.0	99.5	99.5	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	608.5	619.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	97.2	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	562.2	579.3	564.8	582.2	99.3	99.3	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	604.8	614.1	600.2	609.8	99.6	99.4	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	228.6	219.4	79.1	71.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.7
Male	226.8	221.3	78.4	71.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	72.5
Female	230.4	217.6	79.8	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.6
White	232.9	225.3	84.4	73.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	78.3
African American	223.4	213.2	74.1	67.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	74.3
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	71.1	64.3	N/A	N/A	100.0	36.7
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	223.9	214.1	76.1	69.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	66.9
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.

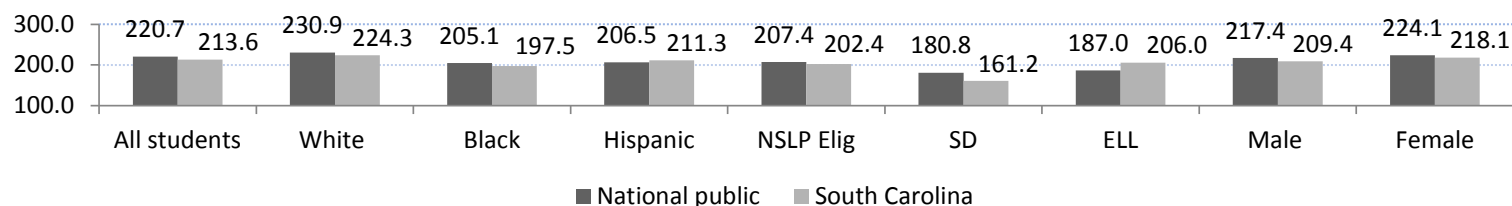
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Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	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

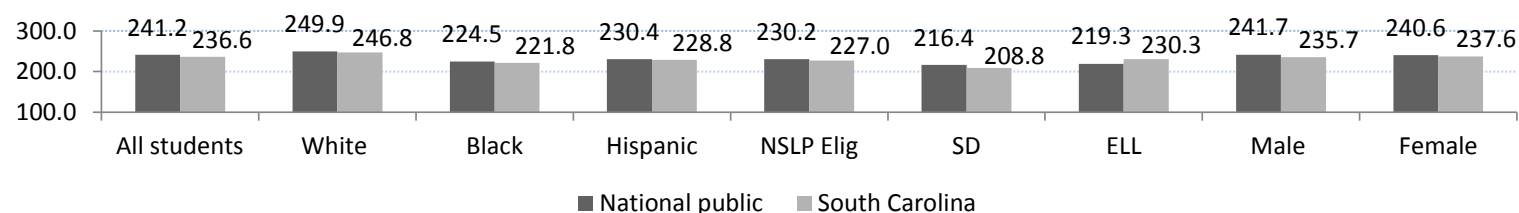
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

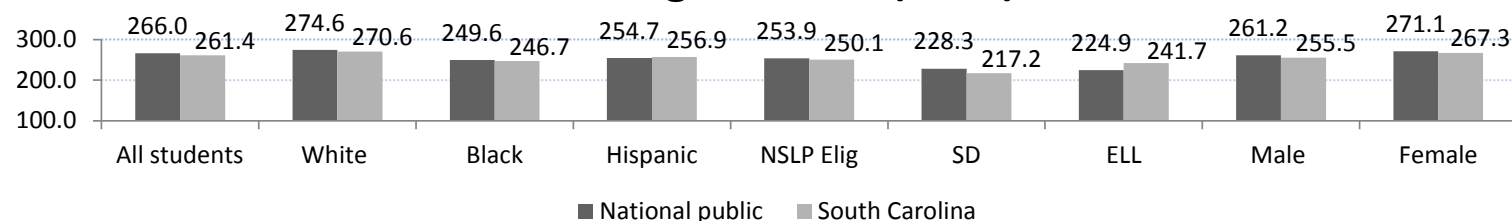
Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



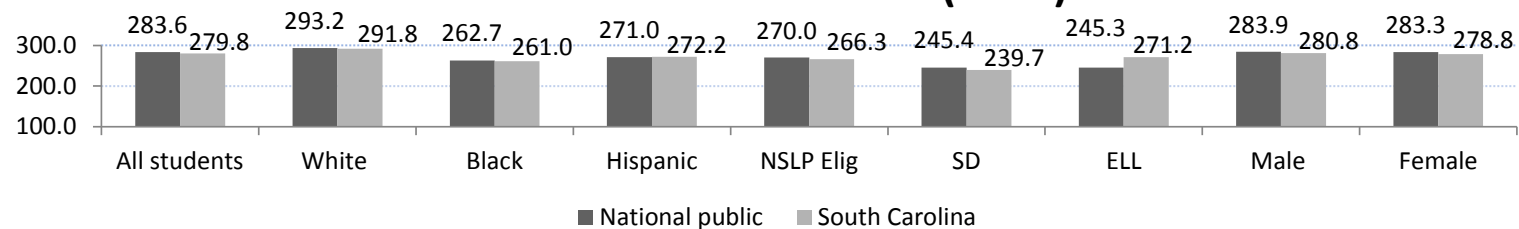
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



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

0

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample