

White Knoll Middle School

116 White Knoll Way
West Columbia, SC 29170

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	765 Students	
Principal	Guy Smith	803-821-4300
Superintendent	Dr. Karen C. Woodward	803-821-1000
Board Chair	Cynthia S. Smith	803-957-5095

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

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

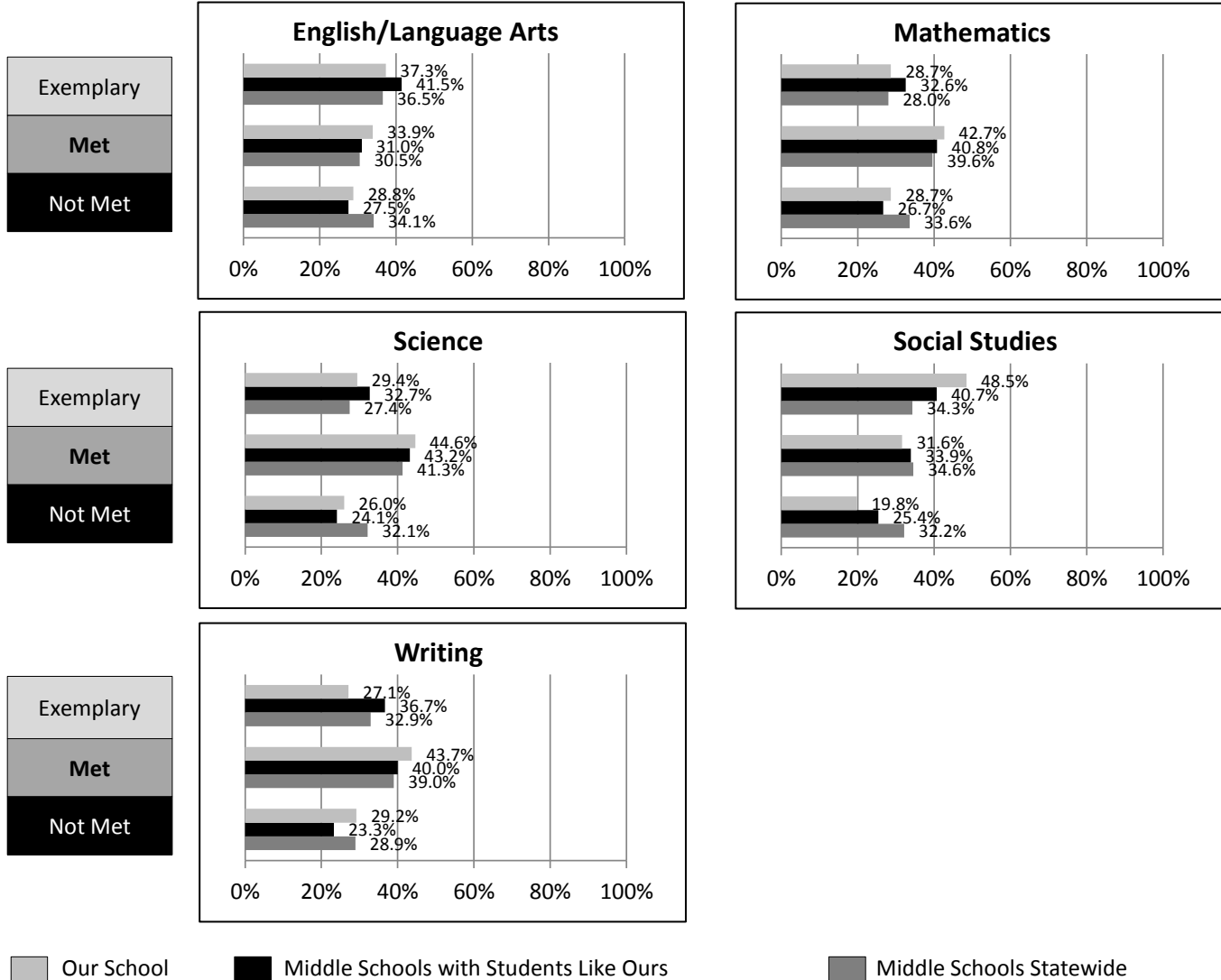
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 98.3%

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 = 765)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	23.5%	Up from 14.0%	32.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.8%	Up from 0.5%	0.7%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.2%	Down from 95.4%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.7%	Down from 24.6%	21.5%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.9%	Up from 13.4%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Down from 2.9%	4.2%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 56)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	Down from 67.9%	64.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	80.4%	No change	79.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.5%	Down from 86.7%	87.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.8%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,513	Up 2.8%	\$48,056	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	10.3 days	Up from 8.7 days	10.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.2 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 90.5%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.4%	Up from 98.2%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,199	Up 4.2%	\$7,094	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.1%	Up from 62.0%	62.4%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.2%	Up from 61.0%	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	98.6%	97.9%
English 1	98.6%	96.3%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.6%	97.6%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The 2013-2014 school year was another exciting and productive year for White Knoll Middle School. While we are still working to meet our performance goals in some areas, we are confident that our focus on standards-based instruction, infusion of technology and work to meet each student’s learning needs will continue to yield excellent results.

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Our district and school mission statements speak of “caring people, academics, the arts and athletics” connecting. At WKMS, we strive to carry out this mission daily. Our students have access to a wide range of course offerings, including core classes in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages (Spanish, French, Chinese and Latin). This year, 15 of our students were named Junior Scholars and two students were named Duke TIP scholars. Our students posted a 97% pass rate on End-of-Course tests in Algebra 1 and English 1, and 77% of End-of-Course grades were A’s or B’s. Our Robotics team took first place in the Project Research Category at the South Carolina First Lego League State Championship.

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In addition to our core classes, we offer students an array of fine arts and performing arts experiences in art, band, chorus, dance, drama and orchestra. Approximately two-thirds of our students participate in our arts programs through classroom activities, performances and competitions.

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We are also proud to offer our students opportunities to compete in athletics through the football, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading programs we sponsor at our school, and by joint participation in White Knoll High School athletic programs, which range from track, softball and soccer to bowling and swimming. About 20% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics.

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Our care for students is reflected in our instructional program, our counseling initiatives, and our excellent parent and community involvement. We are working diligently to close achievement gaps by addressing individual student needs in our intervention classes, our after-school homework help center, and through targeted counseling and data analysis. Our school counseling office was recently named a Recognized American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model Program (RAMP). Our PTSA was re-established this year and has provided wonderful support for students and staff. The School Improvement Council has given us valuable insight and suggestions for continuous improvement.

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As we look toward the 2014-2015 school year, our focus will remain on student achievement, leadership development, communication and positive school climate. We will continue to develop and deliver quality professional development, and we will tackle achievement gaps by working to address each student’s needs. Our staff is committed to continuing the tradition of excellence at WKMS.

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Principal Guy Smith and SIC Chair Tony Signorino

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	56	209	78
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	71.7%	88.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	77.4%	84.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.7%	80.0%	62.1%

* 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	77.6
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)

White Knoll 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	0.9	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.2%	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	631.1	635.7	650.5	99.6	99.5	99.4
Male	622.6	631.6	639.5	652.8	99.5	99.5	99.6
Female	632.0	630.6	631.9	648.4	99.7	99.5	99.2
White	633.3	636.9	642.7	656.9	99.6	99.4	99.2
African American	609.2	612.1	615.9	632.9	99.4	99.4	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	615.7	618.1	N/A	629.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	566.9	572.4	576.4	591.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	607.2	609.2	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	614.6	616.8	623.8	632.6	99.7	99.5	99.3
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

2013	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		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	260	631.5	100.0	260	626.1	100.0	
7	253	629.9	98.8	253	631.4	99.2	
8	258	635.8	99.6	258	630.1	99.6	
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/AV
6	132	617.9	100.0	129	640.6	99.2	
7	253	627.3	99.2	252	633.4	99.2	
8	129	632.2	99.2	128	658.7	100.0	

2014	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		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	253	631.2	100.0	253	627.4	99.6	
7	258	625.6	99.6	258	635.3	99.6	
8	248	625.7	99.2	247	630.6	98.8	
		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	N/A
4	N/A	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	N/A
6	126	630.7	99.2	124	654.6	97.6	
7	258	630.0	99.6	257	643.3	99.2	
8	122	653.9	99.2	125	661.1	98.4	

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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 3201053

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	655.1	665.8	640.9	658.3	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	649.3	666.2	641.8	659.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	661.2	665.5	639.9	656.6	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	660.3	672.1	646.9	662.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	628.1	629.8	607.8	633.9	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	673.2	699.6	667.0	675.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	636.0	644.8	621.9	642.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	649.2	651.7	639.0	658.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	603.3	608.8	598.6	618.4	99.2	99.5	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.9	643.6	623.3	641.6	100.0	99.6	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	633.0	638.0	618.5	636.0	99.8	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	639.7	641.9	651.4	654.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Male	632.3	641.0	652.9	656.6	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Female	647.6	642.9	649.7	651.1	99.9	99.8	99.8	N/A
White	644.8	646.2	656.3	657.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	609.4	613.6	620.9	627.9	99.8	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.8	682.8	677.2	675.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	625.9	625.0	636.7	644.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	625.7	632.4	N/A	N/A	100.0	97.7	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	573.4	582.4	588.5	595.6	99.8	99.8	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.2	620.7	628.7	636.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	616.2	617.1	627.2	629.7	99.8	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)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	234.7	230.3	84.4	78.1	99.4	99.4	100.0	87.7
Male	229.9	230.3	84.6	78.7	99.4	99.4	100.0	83.5
Female	239.3	230.3	84.2	77.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	92.3
White	236.6	233.0	85.9	78.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	89.4
African American	223.4	212.8	76.6	72.3	99.1	99.1	100.0	76.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.8	257.2	88.6	84.6	97.1	97.1	100.0	97.7
Hispanic	230.3	223.2	80.7	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92.3
With Disabilities	203.5	198.5	66.1	68.4	97.0	97.6	100.0	51.8
Limited English Proficient	219.8	215.1	77.9	75.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.0
Subsidized Meals	224.2	216.6	78.3	74.1	99.2	99.0	100.0	76.4
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 3201053

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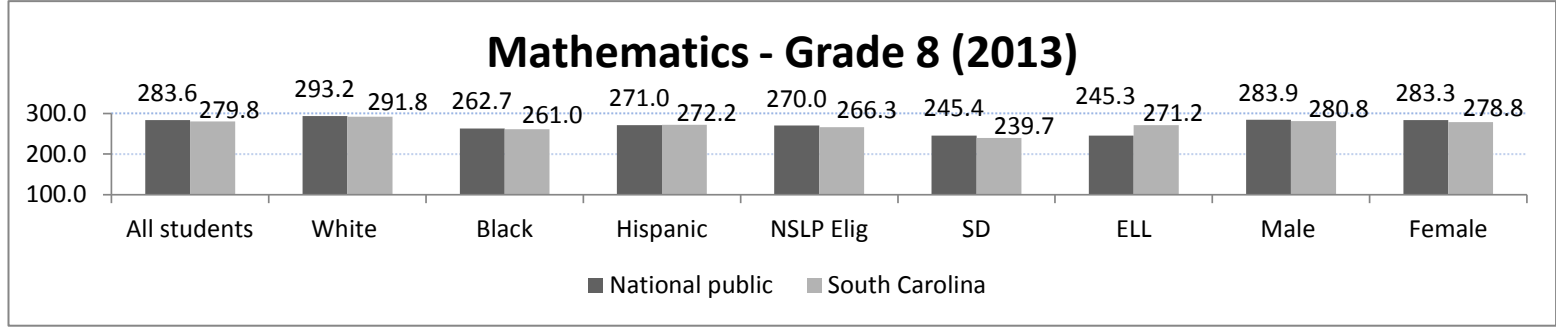
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.



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	1

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