

Carolina Springs Middle School

6180 Platt Springs
Lexington, SC 29073

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	787 Students	
Principal	Alan Zwart	803-821-4900
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	Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Excellent	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

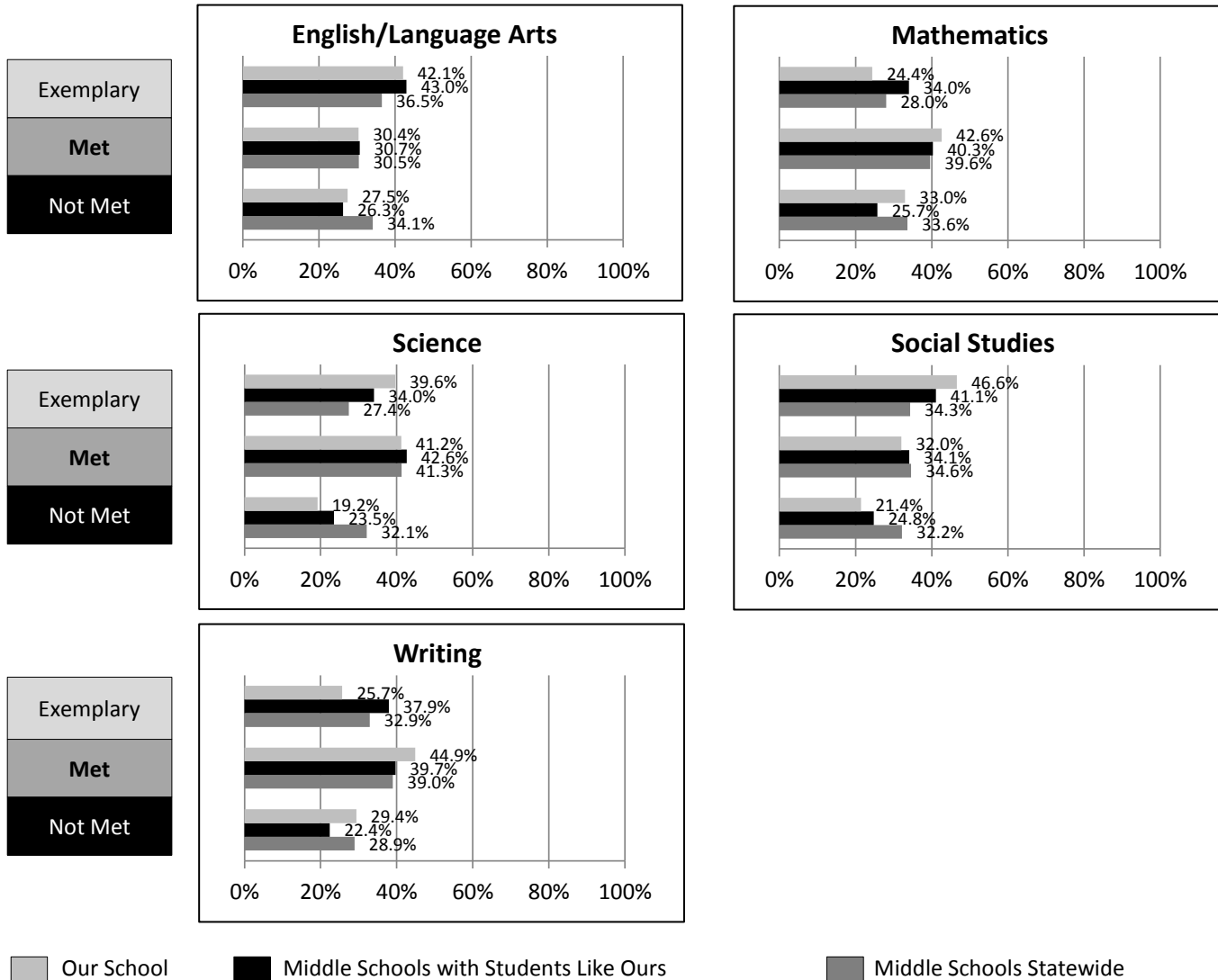
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 96.1%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	19	13	0	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 = 787)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	20.1%	Down from 21.5%	31.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.5%	Down from 1.7%	0.5%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	22.3%	Down from 24.2%	23.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	12.0%	Up from 10.0%	11.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.0%	Down from 4.8%	3.8%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Up from 0.7%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 53)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	49.1%	Down from 50.9%	61.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	75.5%	Up from 69.8%	79.6%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8%	Down from 87.3%	86.9%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 94.2%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,819	Down 0.2%	\$47,462	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.2 days	Up from 12.0 days	12.2 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.2 to 1	Up from 30.2 to 1	22.6 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Up from 89.4%	90.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.5%	Up from 97.4%	99.6%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,596	Up 2.7%	\$7,102	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.4%	Down from 65.0%	63.0%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.7%	Up from 62.0%	62.0%	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%	98.1%
English 1	100.0%	97.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	100.0%	97.9%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

In 2013-2014, Carolina Springs Middle School received a “Good” Absolute Rating, indicating that school performance exceeded the standards for progress toward the 2020 S.C. Performance Vision. CSMS also received an ESEA Federal Accountability Rating of “B” for school performance, exceeding the state’s expectations for improvement.

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CSMS hosted a World’s Fair Family Night celebrating the culture, food and languages of various nations. Students performed dance routines, shared foods and customs, and transformed the school cafeteria and commons area into a world market. CSMS staff also hosted a Family Literacy Night in April showcasing a variety of summer reading titles and sponsored a “buy one, get one free” book fair. Many e-book titles are also available to students through the CSMS Learning Commons and public libraries. The CSMS Learning Commons maintains a summer schedule so that students have access to books throughout the year.☐

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Our band, choral and orchestra programs received “Excellent” and “Superior” individual and ensemble awards again this year, and the orchestra program received the school’s first-ever outstanding achievement award at the state ensemble competition. Two CSMS First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Teams competed this school year, and staff and students hosted a South Carolina FLL regional competition at our school. One team advanced to the South Carolina FLL competition. Students, parents and staff supported many worthy service projects, including Pennies for Patients, Epworth Children’s Home, Ronald McDonald House, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Relay For Life. Our school raised more than \$5,000 for cancer research and treatment through student and staff service projects.☐

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The PTSA sponsored the fourth phase of an ongoing landscape project by landscaping the back wing of the school and establishing a memorial garden. Celebrations sponsored through the PTSA recognized student and staff achievement through the Husky Hoopla and honor roll recognition programs. School Improvement Council members served as ambassadors to support and communicate school initiatives and the CSMS Mission and Vision.☐

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The challenge for CSMS continues to be serving students struggling with deficits in essential numeracy and literacy skills. Training will continue to ensure students use technology effectively for learning. By providing blended and competency-based learning experiences and enhanced personal mobile computing strategies, we will support struggling learners as well as those prepared to move forward. Our teachers, no matter the content area, will teach literacy strategies to ensure students create meaning from all forms of text.☐

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In partnership with the family and community, CSMS will continue to prepare students to be creative, collaborative, self-directed learners.☐

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Principal Alan Zwart and SIC Chair Tamela Jett

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	245	112
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.0%	69.0%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.0%	69.6%	73.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.0%	85.0%	54.3%

* 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	79.3
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)

Carolina Springs 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	95.6%	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	630.5	627.3	644.3	645.9	99.9	99.9	100.0
Male	624.4	625.1	644.6	651.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	638.1	630.0	644.0	639.0	99.7	99.7	100.0
White	635.5	631.9	650.3	647.5	99.8	99.8	100.0
African American	614.7	614.5	628.3	632.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	626.8	617.1	629.3	667.3	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	575.7	577.8	594.5	592.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	616.9	611.1	627.9	630.0	99.7	99.7	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

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	251	636.0	100.0	251	630.8	100.0	
7	258	625.6	100.0	258	624.7	100.0	
8	246	638.3	99.6	246	618.3	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	123	632.2	100.0	129	651.3	100.0	
7	258	628.7	100.0	257	638.2	100.0	
8	123	646.2	100.0	122	658.6	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	262	632.6	99.6	262	622.3	99.6	
7	256	634.0	100.0	256	642.2	99.6	
8	264	624.9	100.0	264	617.5	99.6	
		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	132	641.5	100.0	133	643.6	99.3	
7	256	646.2	99.6	255	647.6	99.6	
8	132	643.6	100.0	132	644.7	99.2	

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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 3201063

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

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 3201063

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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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	2

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