

Seneca Middle School

810 West South Fourth Street
Seneca, SC 29678

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	793 Students	
Principal	Al D. LeRoy	864-886-4455
Superintendent	Dr. Mike Lucas	864-886-4500
Board Chair	Andy Inabinet	864-882-0106

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	Average
2012	Average	Good
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.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

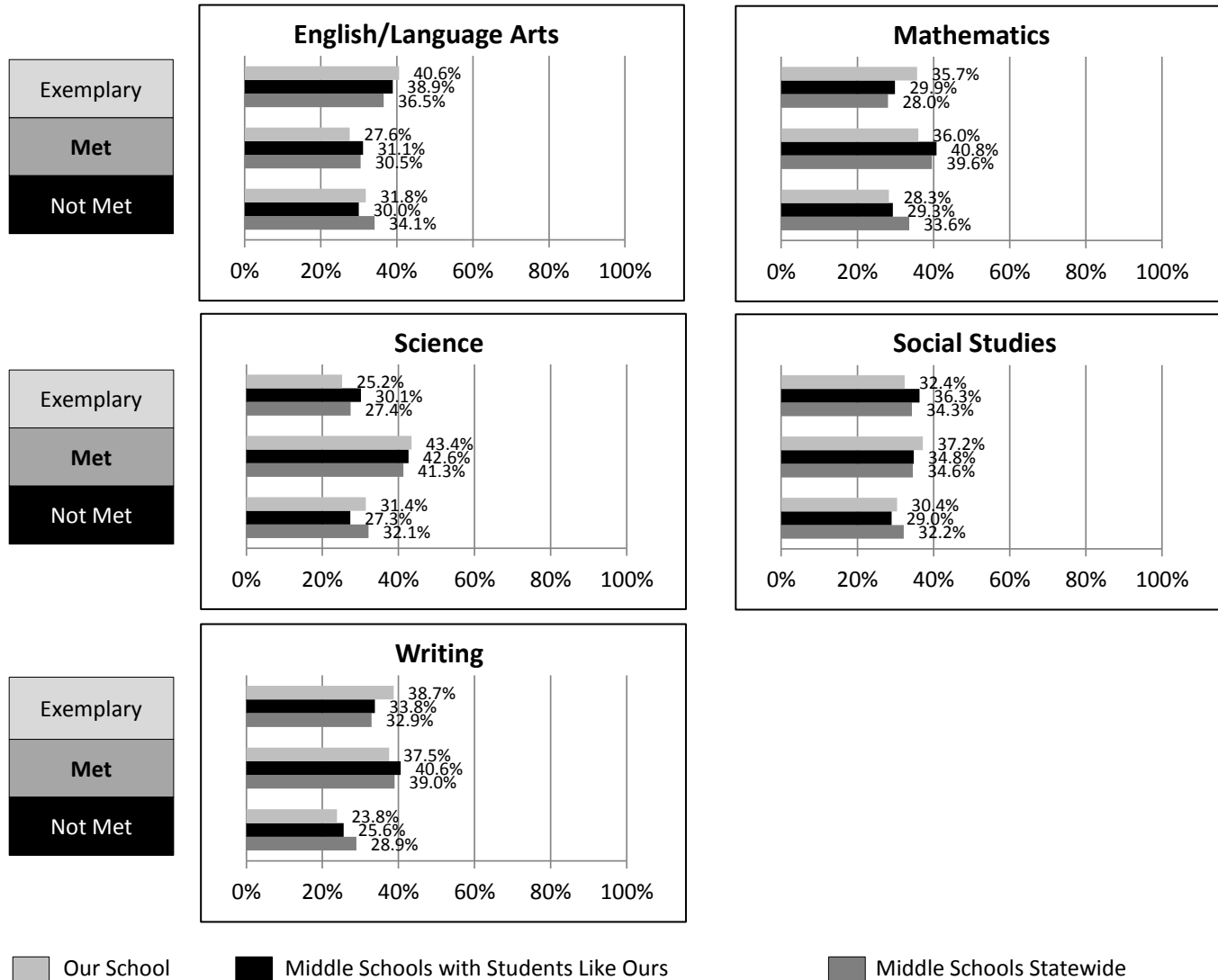
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 98.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
8	18	31	2	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 = 793)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	98.7%	Up from 94.5%	36.4%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.4%	Up from 0.1%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Down from 96.1%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.8%	Up from 25.2%	21.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	14.1%	Down from 15.1%	12.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	4.1%	Up from 4.0%	4.6%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 1.1%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 58)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.9%	Up from 75.0%	64.7%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	94.8%	Up from 91.1%	80.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Up from 93.4%	86.8%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Up from 94.4%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,968	Up 2.0%	\$48,483	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	8.6 days	Up from 8.2 days	10.7 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	Down from 20.2 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 89.7%	89.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.9%	Down from 99.4%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,416	Down 4.0%	\$7,429	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.4%	Down from 68.0%	62.5%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.9%	Down from 67.0%	61.1%	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%	98.4%
English 1	100.0%	95.4%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.0%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The Seneca Middle School family of students, faculty, staff, parents, and community celebrated an outstanding 2013-14 school year. We began the year with the following curricular goals at the forefront of our instructional program: emphasize literacy across all content areas, emphasize and implement total participation techniques and formative assessments throughout instruction, emphasize CCSS skills our students are expected to master, and continually use data to drive instruction.

As we progressed through the year, our school was honored to receive many accolades and recognitions. We successfully renewed our accreditation through AdvancEd. We continued our systemic implementation of the MMGW framework and continued to execute transitional plans from our school to Seneca High School. The effects of our advisory period, PBIS program, and tremendous parent/faculty/student effort created yet another year of reduction in disciplinary referrals from last school year – continuing a 5-year pattern of disciplinary reductions from the previous school year. Over 93% of our 7th and 8th graders received a minimum of .5 high school credits toward his or her diploma this school year. SMS students led the district last year in English 1 Honors and Algebra 1 Honors End Of Course testing. 21 Wildcats were named South Carolina Junior Scholars, 14 students were selected as Duke TIP Scholars, a student placed third overall for area middle school students taking the Biology Merit Exam, and 7 more received honor recognition for excellence on the Biology Merit Exam. Five Wildcat students received admittance in Summer Intensive Ballet programs nationally, three students were named to the All-Region Orchestra, a student was selected to participate in the SC Governor’s School for Arts Summer Discovery Program for music, an 8th grader was selected to the 2014 Middle School Honors Performance Series and will perform in Carnegie Hall, and 2 students received gold medals in the state gymnastics meet while one of the two received Best All Around gymnast. Seneca Middle School also had two students to receive several gold and silver medals at the national Kuk Sool martial arts competition in Houston, TX. Along with these various individual awards, our Symphonic Band and our Honors Chorus both received Superior ratings at state festival this year. Our Honors Chorus earned another Top 5 rating in the state competition while earning 1st place overall in the Sight Reading category. With only one exception, the Wildcat Honors Chorus has placed in the Top 5 each year since 1998. In other extracurricular news, we saw the largest participation rate in athletics that we have seen in quite some time. All in all, we have had an exceptional school year!

Seneca Middle School is gifted with excellent faculty, staff, students, parents, and community who, together, mold and prepare our greatest resource – our children.

Al D. LeRoy, Principal

Mrs. Rachel Cannon, School Improvement Council Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	237	140
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	82.7%	81.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	81.0%	76.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	86.2%	64.0%

* 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	77.5
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)

Seneca 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	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	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.9%	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	628.9	640.9	627.7	632.0	100.0	99.9	99.4
Male	620.9	640.5	629.8	635.3	100.0	99.8	99.2
Female	637.2	641.4	625.5	628.6	100.0	100.0	99.6
White	643.4	654.2	641.9	641.9	100.0	99.8	99.4
African American	597.5	608.0	594.5	607.9	100.0	100.0	99.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	612.1	632.8	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	569.4	583.5	579.8	584.6	100.0	99.2	98.8
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	608.6	619.6	606.8	613.1	100.0	100.0	99.7
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

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	267	637.1	100.0	267	640.5	100.0	
7	272	631.2	100.0	272	627.1	100.0	
8	250	625.9	100.0	250	637.6	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/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	134	623.9	100.0	134	643.1	100.0	
7	272	620.6	100.0	272	628.4	99.6	
8	124	615.1	100.0	126	622.4	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	260	626.2	100.0	260	627.4	100.0	
7	265	636.7	100.0	264	651.2	99.6	
8	279	624.3	100.0	279	643.6	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	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	130	618.9	99.2	130	636.2	100.0	
7	264	635.3	99.6	263	637.2	99.6	
8	139	621.2	99.3	138	617.9	99.3	

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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 3701026

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	647.4	647.8	624.2	640.4	99.7	99.7	99.4	N/A
Male	643.1	647.8	626.5	642.6	100.0	99.9	99.9	N/A
Female	651.6	647.9	622.0	638.3	99.5	99.4	99.0	N/A
White	653.1	653.0	630.9	644.5	99.7	99.6	99.4	N/A
African American	623.6	623.3	597.6	621.4	100.0	100.0	99.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	659.9	660.1	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	627.3	631.1	602.7	625.5	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	600.9	599.0	589.7	609.0	99.8	99.6	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	626.1	631.0	603.2	624.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.7	631.9	611.2	627.1	99.7	99.7	99.5	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	628.7	638.9	631.6	626.7	99.8	99.8	99.6	N/A
Male	622.5	639.0	633.0	631.1	99.8	99.7	99.4	N/A
Female	635.2	638.7	630.1	622.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
White	634.9	643.6	638.0	630.4	99.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
African American	599.4	609.7	599.3	607.2	100.0	100.0	99.5	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	605.0	628.1	614.5	610.9	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	575.1	585.6	581.1	585.5	99.5	99.3	98.9	N/A
Limited English Proficient	598.6	622.9	606.2	608.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.0	621.9	615.4	610.5	99.8	99.8	99.6	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	229.1	225.3	81.2	74.4	98.9	99.0	100.0	82.1
Male	225.2	225.2	80.5	74.8	99.2	99.2	100.0	79.1
Female	233.6	225.5	81.9	74.0	98.5	98.8	100.0	85.2
White	230.6	227.1	82.3	75.3	98.8	98.9	100.0	81.4
African American	224.3	214.7	74.6	69.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	83.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	221.1	224.0	78.4	72.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.2	198.5	70.3	66.5	98.1	98.1	100.0	48.7
Limited English Proficient	213.8	216.1	75.7	70.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.7
Subsidized Meals	223.5	218.2	77.0	70.6	98.1	98.4	100.0	70.9
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

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 3701026

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	0

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