

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School

5139-A Gibson Road
Hollywood, SC 29449

Grades	K-9 Middle School	
Enrollment	396 Students	
Principal	Mache L. Larkin	843-889-5527
Superintendent	Wayne Brazell, Ph. D.	803-734-8322
Board Chair	Don McLaurin	803-603-1441

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A

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

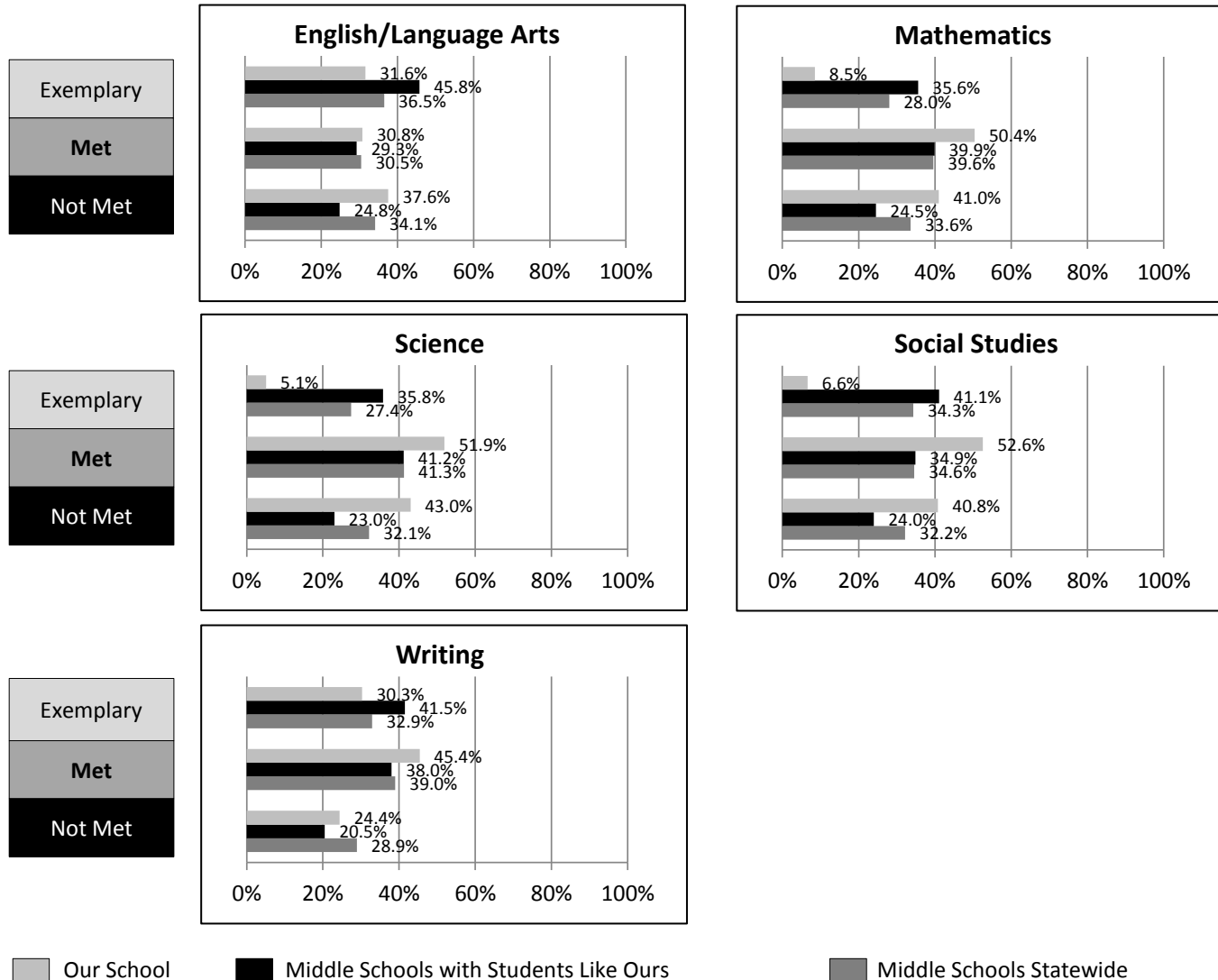
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

78.2%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
19	11	7	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.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 396)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	57.8%	N/A	36.4%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	N/A	0.3%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.1%	N/A	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.8%	N/A	25.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	6.1%	N/A	11.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.5%	N/A	3.1%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	N/A	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 32)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	37.5%	N/A	63.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	31.3%	N/A	78.1%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.1%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	N/A	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$37,232	N/A	\$48,884	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	1.5 days	N/A	10.2 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	N/A	22.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	N/A	90.5%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	No	N/A	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	N/A	98.8%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	N/A	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$6,972	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	65.7%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	64.7%	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	86.0%	98.1%
English 1	84.0%	93.8%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	0.0%
All Subjects	85.0%	97.8%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The mission of Lowcountry Leadership Charter School is to provide a safe, exceptional academic environment that cultivates independent learning, character enrichment and regional awareness while developing accountable leaders, community stewards, and diverse thinkers through project-based experiences. LLCS opened its doors to students in grades K – 9 in the fall of 2013 and has been making progress towards educational achievement since. Faced with challenges like moving in to two temporary facilities, construction, and the adoption of all new systems, we have overcome and embraced diversity, adversity, and obstacles. Now after the end of our inaugural year, we have successfully collected base line data on all students in regards to academics and behavior. LLCS plans to utilize this data to create a specific plan of action to increase student achievement. We look forward to another year to implement PBIS, our LEAD curriculum, and innovative ideas to build the leaders of tomorrow while embracing new opportunities such as partnerships with higher level institutions, increasing high school enrollment, new course offerings, the expansion of our building, new community outreach, and opportunities to lead. As we approach this second year of operation Lowcountry Leadership Charter School looks forward, ready to navigate through a successful academic school year, expecting more, requiring more, and delivering more.

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	62	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.9%	80.6%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.4%	80.3%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.7%	88.5%	86.2%

* 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	N/A
Overall Grade Conversion	I

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)

Lowcountry Leadership Charter 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	11	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	24.6	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	23.1%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.1%	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	613.7	609.9	607.3	606.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	600.5	611.9	610.6	603.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	627.6	607.8	603.8	609.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	615.4	613.3	609.6	607.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	605.5	602.7	600.4	609.0	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

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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/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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	36	654.4	94.7	38	623.2	100.0
	4	38	625.1	100.0	38	614.0	100.0
	5	42	652.9	100.0	42	638.2	100.0
	6	41	624.5	100.0	41	612.0	100.0
	7	38	601.3	100.0	38	609.1	100.0
	8	41	614.7	100.0	41	608.6	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	19	602.4	100.0	19	644.9	100.0
	4	38	607.4	100.0	38	622.8	100.0
	5	21	637.1	100.0	21	626.6	100.0
	6	21	613.5	100.0	20	613.2	100.0
	7	38	603.7	100.0	38	593.0	100.0
	8	21	607.5	100.0	20	627.0	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	4701023
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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	644.4	631.7	622.0	637.6	98.3	99.3	99.6	N/A
Male	638.8	630.3	620.3	639.0	98.0	99.3	99.6	N/A
Female	650.5	633.2	624.0	636.2	98.5	99.4	99.5	N/A
White	653.5	640.9	631.4	646.8	98.5	99.4	99.7	N/A
African American	617.2	602.3	591.8	612.0	97.8	99.3	98.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	670.1	683.8	660.2	661.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	635.8	616.3	613.2	627.3	96.8	98.1	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	607.1	587.4	582.0	604.3	90.8	99.2	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	621.4	617.0	607.7	618.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	630.1	613.8	605.2	620.2	98.1	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)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	636.0	627.6	625.6	625.9	99.4	99.3	99.5	N/A
Male	630.3	628.5	628.6	629.6	99.1	99.1	99.5	N/A
Female	641.7	626.7	622.6	622.2	99.6	99.5	99.5	N/A
White	640.3	632.1	630.4	630.0	99.4	99.3	99.5	N/A
African American	618.5	609.9	606.6	613.6	99.3	99.3	99.3	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	677.8	667.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	635.0	623.5	624.0	614.0	98.9	98.9	99.2	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	581.5	584.2	581.9	587.0	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	620.4	608.2	608.4	608.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	621.0	612.8	610.8	611.6	99.2	99.2	99.3	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	228.0	215.4	81.4	70.5	96.3	95.9	100.0	38.1
Male	223.1	215.6	81.7	72.3	95.8	95.3	100.0	33.8
Female	231.6	215.1	81.1	69.4	96.6	96.4	100.0	41.1
White	229.4	217.3	82.2	71.1	96.1	95.8	100.0	37.7
African American	220.7	204.5	76.6	67.1	96.3	95.5	100.0	41.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.3
Hispanic	229.1	214.8	80.9	72.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	38.8
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.4
With Disabilities	206.9	193.2	69.4	64.5	93.4	93.4	100.0	25.2
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.3
Subsidized Meals	223.6	209.8	79.0	68.6	95.5	94.9	100.0	28.6
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.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)
4/27/2015 4701023

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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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

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