

Blue Ridge High School

2151 Fews Chapel Road
Greer, SC 29651

Grades	9-12 High School	
Enrollment	1,182 Students	
Principal	Reena Watson	864-355-1800
Superintendent	Mr. Burke Royster	864-355-3100
Board Chair	Mr. Chuck Saylor	803-360-3527

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Average	Below 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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ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
14	2	0	0	0

NOTE: Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

High School Assessment Program (HSAP) Exam Passage Rate: Second Year Students

Percent	Our High School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Passed both subtests	83.7%	87.6%	85.0%	85.2%	85.5%	83.7%
Passed one subtest	9.9%	11.0%	10.4%	9.3%	9.5%	10.5%
Passed no subtests	6.4%	1.4%	4.6%	5.5%	4.9%	5.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014

	Our High School	High Schools w/ Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.4%	95.3%

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014*	2013	2014
Number of Students in Four-Year Cohort	278	304	354	354
Number of Graduates in Cohort	230	256	294	302
Rate	82.7%	84.2%	82.9%	85.3%

*Used to calculate current ESEA/Federal Accountability Grade.

Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Number of Students in Cohort	288	271	357	362
Number of Graduates in Cohort	229	233	299	305
Rate	79.5%	86.0%	84.3%	84.2%

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours*
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	77.7%	85.6%
English 1	73.9%	76.1%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	86.1%	86.8%
US History and the Constitution	69.6%	70.5%
All Subjects	77.4%	80.6%

* High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 1,182)				
Retention Rate	1.5%	Down from 1.7%	2.2%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	95.7%	Up from 95.0%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	26.6%	Down from 30.2%	26.1%	17.7%
With disabilities	11.2%	Down from 11.3%	9.5%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	5.0%	Down from 5.2%	6.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	4.2%	Up from 2.3%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.9%	Down from 50.5%	28.9%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	28.0%	Up from 25.0%	60.1%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	12.3%	Down from 12.5%	31.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.1%	Down from 12.5%	10.1%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	632	Up from 578	742	423
Students participating in work-based experiences	3.0%	Up from 2.1%	24.0%	13.1%
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	87.7%	Down from 91.3%	85.5%	84.5%
Career/technology students completers placed	100.0%	No change	100.0%	98.7%
Annual dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 2.6%	2.1%	2.1%
Dropout Recovery Rate	4.3%	N/A	6.0%	4.0%
Teachers (n = 61)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.7%	Down from 57.4%	63.9%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Up from 77.0%	77.9%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.6%	Down from 85.4%	86.0%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.1%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,812	Up 0.2%	\$48,754	\$48,414
Professional development days/teacher	8.1 days	Up from 7.2 days	8.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	6.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.8 to 1	Up from 30.8 to 1	28.1 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.6%	90.3%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,430	Up 3.7%	\$6,821	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.6%	Up from 57.0%	59.2%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Down from 59.0%	60.2%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Up from 94.2%	98.2%	98.7%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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Performance By Student Groups

	HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014		End of Course Tests Passage Rate		On-time Graduation Rate, 2014	
	n	%	t	%	n	%
All Students	259	93.4%	1,140	77.4%	304	84.2%
Gender						
Male	136	92.6%	594	76.3%	160	83.8%
Female	123	94.3%	546	78.6%	144	84.7%
Racial/Ethnic Group						
White	237	93.7%	1,025	78.4%	275	85.1%
African American	N/A	N/A	58	58.6%	12	75.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	10	90.0%	44	77.3%	12	75.0%
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status						
Disabled	30	56.7%	139	54.0%	33	51.5%
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	22	63.6%	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status						
Subsidized meals	98	85.7%	461	69.8%	101	72.3%

NOTE: n=number of students on which percentage is calculated; t=number of tests taken.

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Report of Principal and School

Blue Ridge High School is proud of the ancestral, rural community it serves in Greenville County. The area is steeped in tradition, family values, and support for the school. As the school's population has continued to grow, so has the desire for the best education for the students. The students, faculty, staff, parents and community work together to provide a safe environment for students to develop to their maximum potential in academics, extra-curricular opportunities, athletics, and fine arts.

Success is evident at Blue Ridge: state championships in band and chorus, "Excellent" rating on 2013 school report card, region wins for fine arts and athletics, and significant contributions to local charities through clubs and organizations. The Advanced Placement program continues to grow, as well as offering classes that will benefit students for the future in college, military, or work. Four different foreign languages and a release time Bible class are among the unique courses students can take at Blue Ridge that most schools do not offer in the area.

Parents and the community are very involved with the success of student programs. The high level of involvement and participation on SIC, PTSA, Athletic Booster Club, Band Booster Club, and many other organizations and clubs contributes to positive experiences both in the classroom and outside the classroom. As a result of the combined efforts, the students receive a high quality education and experiences that benefit them throughout their high school experience and beyond. Over six million dollars was awarded to the senior class in scholarships. Eighty-five percent of the graduating class plans to attend college or enlist in the military. Preparing students for success in high school and beyond has always been the core of Blue Ridge High.

Reena Watson, Principal

Victor Horne, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	60	197	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	85.3%	63.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.7%	88.4%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.7%	92.6%	55.6%

* Only students at the highest High 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 High 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	88.1
Overall Grade Conversion	B

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)

Blue Ridge High 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	1.2	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.8	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.0%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.7%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all High and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all high and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 9-12								
All Students	233.4	225.0	83.3	74.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.2
Male	227.3	224.6	82.7	76.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.8
Female	239.5	225.4	83.9	73.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.7
White	234.4	226.0	84.2	75.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	85.1
African American	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	75.0
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	75.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With disabilities	207.4	196.7	73.8	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	51.5
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	224.1	213.6	77.6	72.6	100.0	100.0	N/A	72.3
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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Two-Year High School Grades Trend Data

2013	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	6	I/S	I/S	6	I/S	I/S
10	269	234.4	100.0	269	226.3	100.0	
11	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
9	76	N/A	100.0	1	I/S	100.0	
10	253	82.8	100.0	11	68.1	100.0	
11	16	76.8	100.0	244	75.0	100.0	
12	6	I/S	100.0	18	73.7	100.0	

2014	Grade	HSAP ELA			HSAP Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	9	7	I/S	I/S	7	I/S	I/S
10	296	234.1	99.3	296	225.6	99.3	
11	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
12	0	I/S	I/S	0	I/S	I/S	
		End-of-Course Science			End-of-Course Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
9	11	69.6	100.0	0	I/S	I/S	
10	291	84.6	100.0	4	I/S	100.0	
11	32	75.9	100.0	261	75.3	100.0	
12	3	I/S	100.0	15	68.5	100.0	

NOTE: ELA and Math N-counts are based on number of students. Science and History N-counts are based on number of End-of-Course Biology 1 and US History and the Constitution tests administered. Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)

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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	653.2	656.8	635.5	654.3	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	648.2	656.6	636.6	655.4	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Female	658.6	657.0	634.3	653.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	667.1	672.0	650.8	665.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	627.0	624.4	607.2	631.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	682.1	699.7	661.2	682.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	635.0	640.4	616.0	640.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	658.7	663.3	638.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	605.9	602.3	592.0	615.3	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Limited English Proficient	638.0	648.1	620.5	642.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	632.4	632.1	614.4	634.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	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	634.8	639.1	642.2	645.5	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Male	627.4	637.8	642.8	648.2	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Female	642.5	640.6	641.5	642.7	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
White	649.3	653.0	658.7	658.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
African American	607.1	609.2	609.1	618.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	664.5	687.8	680.0	682.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	623.3	623.3	629.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	641.9	643.7	645.0	657.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
With Disabilities	576.3	584.3	585.8	593.5	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	615.6	626.9	624.2	632.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	612.4	616.2	617.8	622.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	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	233.8	226.3	84.8	78.0	99.7	99.6	100.0	82.5
Male	229.9	226.4	85.0	78.9	99.6	99.4	100.0	78.6
Female	237.8	226.2	84.5	77.1	99.7	99.8	100.0	86.7
White	239.4	233.0	88.2	80.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	86.5
African American	221.9	210.7	77.4	72.3	99.6	99.4	100.0	74.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	245.0	249.9	91.3	83.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.2
Hispanic	226.4	218.8	79.5	73.7	99.7	99.8	100.0	77.3
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84.6
With Disabilities	205.9	197.1	71.8	69.4	99.1	98.5	100.0	43.1
Limited English Proficient	219.9	213.5	77.0	71.4	99.8	100.0	100.0	70.5
Subsidized Meals	222.8	213.5	78.6	72.9	99.4	99.4	100.0	70.8
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 2301003

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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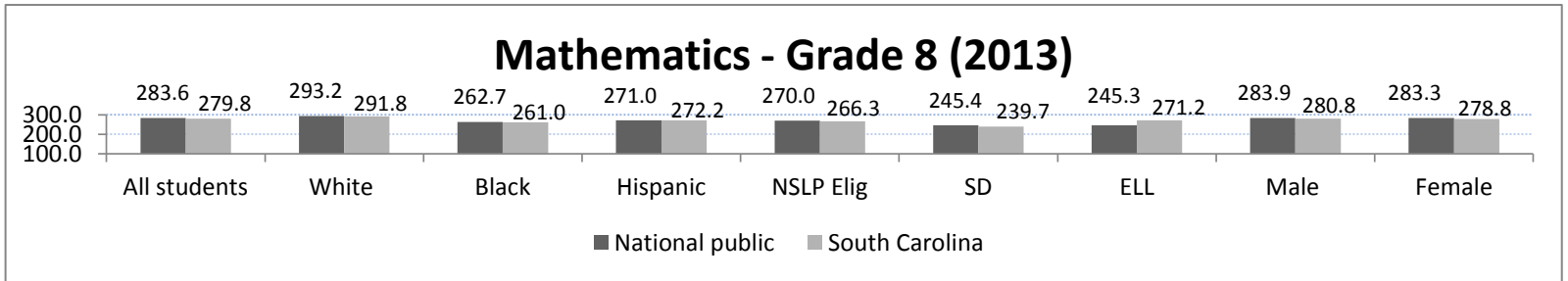
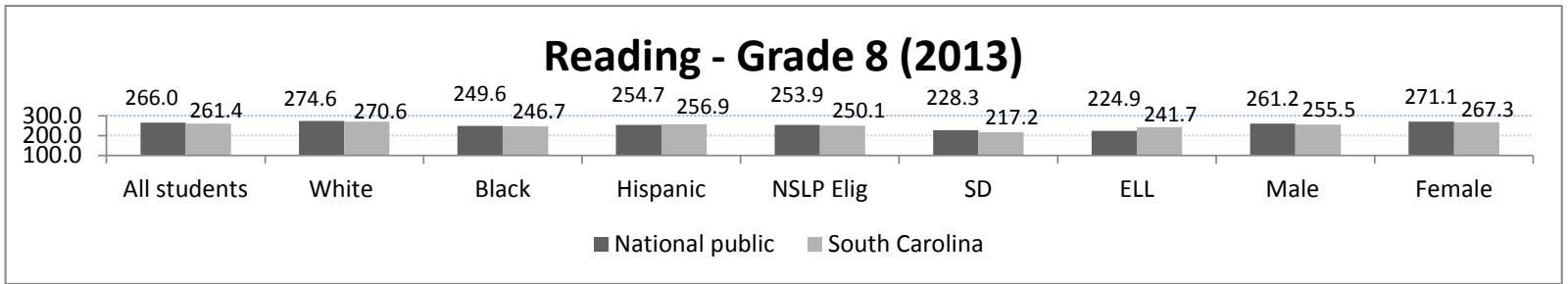
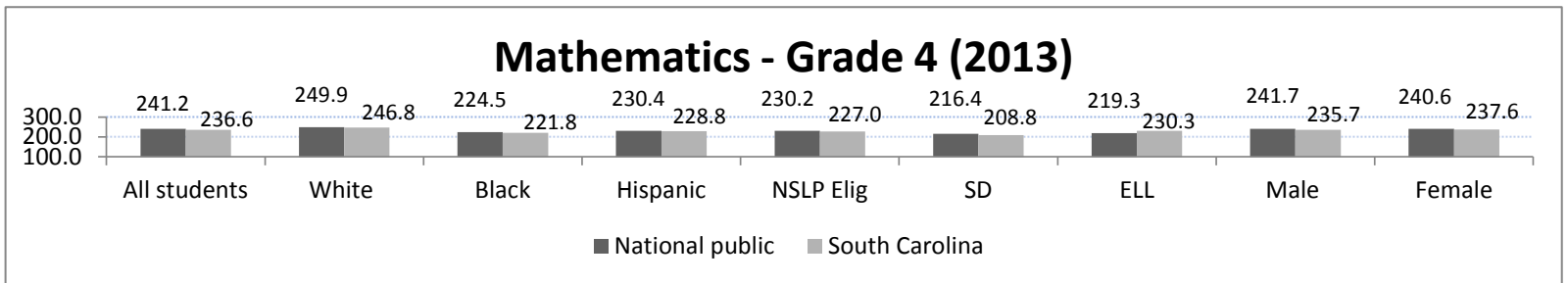
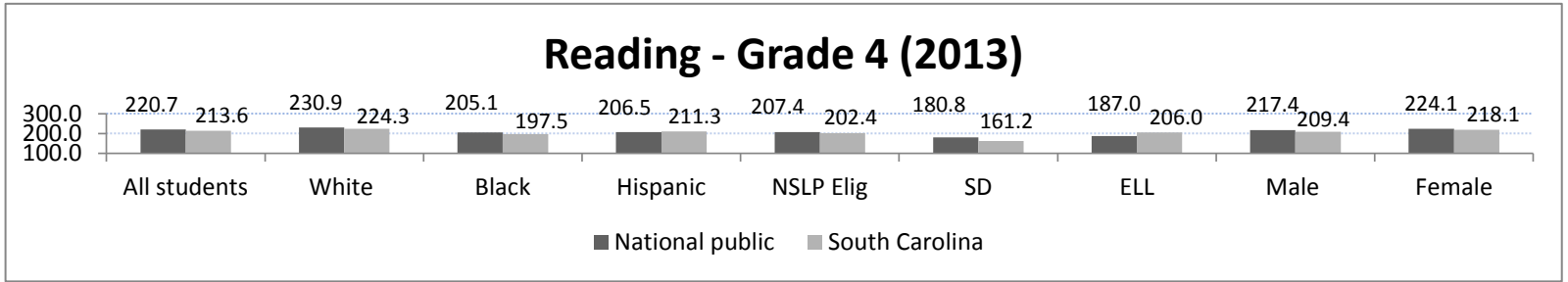
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Key

- 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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