



At-a-Glance

2014 Annual School and District Ratings Release

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November 2014

The following information is a summary of the 2014 annual school and district ratings as required by the Education Accountability Act (EAA) and as established by the Education Oversight Committee criteria.

Seven School Districts Earned Absolute and Growth Ratings of *Excellent*

This year, seven school districts earned an Absolute Rating of *Excellent* and a Growth Rating of *Excellent*. The districts are Anderson 1; Anderson 3; Barnwell 29; Dorchester 4; Georgetown; Greenwood 52; and York 2. The EOC asked districts officials from these districts to share some insight into their success.

Perspectives on Success

“The Clover School District is proud to be one of the seven school districts in South Carolina to receive a rating of *Excellent* in both achievement and growth for the 2013-14 school year. Through a year of transition and uncertainty in our state’s education system, our focus locally remained unchanged. Our unwavering commitment to analyze student data and use the findings to further personalize and individualize instruction is reflected in these rankings. We will not be complacent. Rather, we continue to strive for excellence for each of our students.” – *Dr. Marc Sosne, Superintendent, Clover School District (York 2)*

“The success of Anderson One can be attributed to the culture of high expectations for all and a tradition of excellence that starts with a supportive school board. We have a quality teaching staff. Part of our success can be attributed to professional learning networks that have provided opportunities for teachers to collaborate and plan together. College and Career Readiness standards have raised the bar in the classroom. Teachers have created appropriate learning environments to help students learn and apply their knowledge.” – *David Havird, Superintendent, Anderson 1*

“Dorchester School District Four students performed higher than the state averages in four of the five areas assessed on PASS. The focus on academics at all levels has led to the increase in ratings for the district to the status of *Excellent*. We continue to hold high expectations for staff and students and provide a rigorous curriculum on a daily basis.” – *Dr. Morris Ravenell, Superintendent, Dorchester 4*

“Williston School District #29 is a rural district with three schools serving students in Barnwell County. With a poverty level of 86.15%, Williston excels at making sure all students, regardless of economics, have the opportunity to be successful in their academic choices leading up to graduation and then on to college/career endeavors....The district is very thankful for the commitment and dedication of our parents and community members who support our mission to develop respectful and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment and our vision of promoting respectful and productive citizens who are prepared for the global work force.” – *Dr. Carol Lenderman, Director of Instruction, Williston School District (Barnwell 29)*

Information on Districts



Over half of the school districts (42) received an Absolute Rating of *Excellent*, up from 30 in the prior year. Why? The statewide on-time graduation rate, which accounts for 30% of the district rating, increased from 77.5% to 80.1%.

Absolute Ratings for School Districts, 2009-2014

Absolute Rating	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	42 (51.2%)	30 (36.6%)	27 (32.1%)	11 (12.8%)	6 (7.0%)	1 (1.2%)
Good	7 (8.5%)	20 (24.4%)	15 (17.9%)	22 (25.6%)	12 (14.0%)	0
Average	26 (31.7%)	24 (29.3%)	30 (35.7%)	35 (40.7%)	48 (55.8%)	24 (28.2%)
Below Average	4 (4.9%)	6 (7.3%)	4 (4.8%)	9 (10.5%)	14 (16.3%)	39 (45.9%)
At Risk	3 (3.7%)	2 (2.4%)	8 (9.5%)	9 (10.5%)	6 (7.0%)	21 (24.7%)
Number of Districts	82	82	84	86	86	85

Note: The SC Public Charter School District started receiving ratings in 2010.

SC On-Time Graduation Rate, 2009-2014

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
80.1%	77.5%	74.9%	73.6%	72.1%	73.7%

2020 Goal: 88.3%

SC District On-time Graduation Rates by Absolute Rating, 2014

Absolute Rating	On-Time Graduation Rate
Excellent	84.3
Good	78.1
Average	77.6
Below Average	72.4
At Risk	56.2

NOTE: Beginning with school year 2010-11, the South Carolina Department of Education no longer collected and reviewed student level documentation of the on-time graduation rate at the state level. The calculation instead is "accomplished at the school or district level, which is the current practice in other states. . . . Documentation is stored locally for review during regularly scheduled SCDE Title I monitoring visits." (*NCLB Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate, Processing the 2014 Cohort File, Guidelines for South Carolina's Public High Schools and Districts*, July 14, 2014)

Growth Ratings for School Districts, 2009-2014

Growth Rating	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	7 (8.5%)	22 (26.8%)	21 (25.0%)	18 (20.9%)	23 (26.7%)	0 (0%)
Good	32 (39.0%)	27 (32.9%)	34 (40.5%)	24 (27.9%)	28 (32.6%)	2 (2.4%)
Average	16 (19.5%)	15 (18.3%)	16 (19.0%)	21 (24.4%)	17 (19.8%)	5 (5.9%)
Below Average	11 (13.4%)	15 (18.3%)	6 (7.1%)	20 (23.3%)	11 (12.8%)	20 (23.5%)
At Risk	16 (19.5%)	3 (3.7%)	7 (8.3%)	3 (3.5%)	7 (8.1%)	58 (68.2%)
Number:	82	82	84	86	86	85

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School District **Absolute** Ratings: Improvers and Decliners

16 Districts Improving From:	Districts
Below Average to Average	Marlboro
Average to Excellent	Dorchester 4 & Laurens 55
Average to Good	Lexington 3 & Williamsburg
Good to Excellent	Bamberg 1, Barnwell 29, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Florence 5, Greenville, Pickens, Spartanburg 3, Spartanburg 7 & York 3

7 Districts Declining From:	
Excellent to Good	Dillon 3
Good to Average	Clarendon 1, Edgefield, Hampton 1, Sumter, & Union
Average to At Risk	McCormick

Comparing State Ratings and Federal ESEA Grades

Rating	2014 # of districts	%
Excellent	42	51%
Good	7	9%
Average	26	32%
Below Average	4	5%
At Risk	3	4%
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ESEA Grade	2014 # of districts	%
A	11	13%
B	27	33%
C	24	29%
D	10	12%
F	10	12%
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The percentage of school districts with an Absolute Rating of *Excellent* or *Good* is 60%, a percentage point lower than 2013 when 61% of school districts were rated *Excellent* or *Good*. In 2014, 7 school districts have an Absolute Rating of *Below Average* or *At Risk*, down from 8 in 2013.

Regarding Growth Ratings, 27 school districts had Growth Ratings of *Below Average* or *At Risk* in 2014.

Over the past four years:

- Ten School Districts have had an *Excellent* Absolute Rating each year: Abbeville, Anderson 1, Darlington, Greenwood 52, Lexington 1, Lexington 5, Spartanburg 1, Spartanburg 6, York 2 and York 4
- Two School Districts have had an *At Risk* Absolute Rating each year: Jasper and the SC Public Charter School District

Districts Listed by 2014 **Absolute** Index

District	Absolute Rating 2014	Growth Rating 2014	Absolute Index	Poverty Index
York 4	Excellent	Good	4.35	28.6
York 2	Excellent	Excellent	4.29	44.5
Anderson 1	Excellent	Excellent	4.21	59.7
Lexington 5	Excellent	Good	3.91	46.0
Spartanburg 1	Excellent	Good	3.87	68.2
Darlington	Excellent	Good	3.81	83.2
Anderson 2	Excellent	Good	3.74	70.4
Dorchester 2	Excellent	Good	3.73	59.9
Anderson 3	Excellent	Excellent	3.72	81.4
Abbeville	Excellent	Good	3.71	79.7
Lexington 1	Excellent	Good	3.71	52.2
Anderson 4	Excellent	Good	3.70	68.9
Spartanburg 4	Excellent	Good	3.70	74.8
Spartanburg 2	Excellent	Good	3.68	66.7
Greenville	Excellent	Good	3.66	61.9
Chesterfield	Excellent	Good	3.65	82.8
Greenwood 52	Excellent	Excellent	3.65	70.9
Barnwell 29	Excellent	Excellent	3.64	86.2
Calhoun	Excellent	Good	3.63	91.1
Spartanburg 5	Excellent	Good	3.63	65.7
Richland 2	Excellent	Good	3.61	61.2
Spartanburg 6	Excellent	Good	3.60	73.5
Charleston	Excellent	Good	3.58	63.0
Pickens	Excellent	Good	3.58	66.3
York 1	Excellent	Good	3.57	74.5
Spartanburg 3	Excellent	Average	3.56	76.3
Georgetown	Excellent	Excellent	3.55	75.7
Kershaw	Excellent	Good	3.54	70.6
Saluda	Excellent	Good	3.54	83.0
Berkeley	Excellent	Good	3.53	73.0
Clarendon 3	Excellent	Good	3.53	69.6
Oconee	Excellent	Good	3.52	73.2
York 3	Excellent	Average	3.50	68.0
Florence 5	Excellent	Average	3.49	76.0
Aiken	Excellent	Good	3.48	73.0
Florence 1	Excellent	Good	3.45	74.2
Dorchester 4	Excellent	Excellent	3.43	87.1
Laurens 55	Excellent	Good	3.43	82.8
Bamberg 1	Excellent	Average	3.42	79.0
Lancaster	Excellent	Good	3.42	67.3
Spartanburg 7	Excellent	Average	3.42	78.6
Newberry	Excellent	Good	3.41	77.7
Horry	Good	Below Average	3.37	75.2
Anderson 5	Good	Below Average	3.32	70.7
Beaufort	Good	Below Average	3.24	68.5
Lexington 3	Good	Below Average	3.22	80.4
Dillon 3	Good	Below Average	3.20	79.8

District	Absolute Rating 2014	Growth Rating 2014	Absolute Index	Poverty Index
Greenwood 51	Good	At Risk	3.18	83.8
Williamsburg	Good	Average	3.18	97.6
Hampton 1	Average	At Risk	3.16	85.9
Barnwell 45	Average	Good	3.12	83.7
Greenwood 50	Average	At Risk	3.12	76.6
Laurens 56	Average	Average	3.11	85.3
Barnwell 19	Average	Average	3.10	95.3
Edgefield	Average	At Risk	3.08	75.2
Lexington 2	Average	At Risk	3.08	79.8
Clarendon 1	Average	At Risk	3.07	98.3
Marion	Average	Average	3.06	95.5
Union	Average	At Risk	3.06	82.2
Richland 1	Average	Average	3.05	82.2
Bamberg 2	Average	Average	2.98	97.7
Chester	Average	Below Average	2.97	82.9
Colleton	Average	Below Average	2.97	89.3
Florence 3	Average	Below Average	2.97	94.0
Cherokee	Average	At Risk	2.96	80.7
Florence 2	Average	At Risk	2.91	79.1
Fairfield	Average	At Risk	2.90	94.6
Orangeburg 4	Average	Average	2.89	85.8
Sumter	Average	At Risk	2.89	82.7
Clarendon 2	Average	At Risk	2.88	92.2
Dillon 4	Average	Average	2.87	94.4
Lexington 4	Average	Below Average	2.84	87.7
Orangeburg 5	Average	At Risk	2.81	93.2
Orangeburg 3	Average	Below Average	2.76	96.7
Marlboro	Average	Average	2.70	93.8
Lee	Below Average	Below Average	2.50	97.8
Allendale	Below Average	Average	2.44	98.5
Hampton 2	Below Average	At Risk	2.42	97.8
Florence 4	Below Average	At Risk	2.32	97.3
SC Public Charter	At Risk	Average	2.28	66.2
McCormick	At Risk	At Risk	2.25	92.0
Jasper	At Risk	Good	2.13	96.2

The poverty index is based on free and reduced-price lunch data and Medicaid eligibility data.



Absolute Ratings for Schools, 2009-2014

Absolute Rating	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	423 (35%) Primary: 25 Elementary: 224 Middle: 71 High: 103	397 (33%) Primary: 25 Elementary: 198 Middle: 62 High: 112	395 (33%) Primary: 31 Elementary: 205 Middle: 72 High: 87	318 (27%) Primary: 27 Elementary: 166 Middle: 53 High: 72	242 (21%) Primary: 32 Elementary: 134 Middle: 36 High: 40	188 (16%) Primary: 26 Elementary: 111 Middle: 26 High: 25
Good	220 (18%) Primary: 6 Elementary: 122 Middle: 45 High: 47	233 (20%) Primary: 5 Elementary: 137 Middle: 54 High: 37	234 (20%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 133 Middle: 55 High: 44	211 (18%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 129 Middle: 51 High: 28	209 (18%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 119 Middle: 46 High: 44	185 (16%) Primary: 3 Elementary: 105 Middle: 41 High: 36
Average	409 (34%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 237 Middle: 130 High: 41	422 (35%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 244 Middle: 137 High: 40	404 (34%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 225 Middle: 125 High: 54	462 (39%) Primary: 1 Elementary: 259 Middle: 125 High: 77	510 (44%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 289 Middle: 136 High: 85	537 (46%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 301 Middle: 143 High: 93
Below Average	112 (9%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 55 Middle: 46 High: 11	97 (8%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 54 Middle: 37 High: 6	97 (8%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 61 Middle: 31 High: 5	120 (10%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 66 Middle: 42 High: 12	136 (12%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 72 Middle: 52 High: 12	170 (15%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 86 Middle: 62 High: 22
At Risk	42 (3%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 17 Middle: 13 High: 12	46 (4%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 17 Middle: 15 High: 14	61 (5%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 20 Middle: 24 High: 17	69 (6%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 23 Middle: 29 High: 17	69 (6%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 24 Middle: 27 High: 18	83 (7%) Primary: 0 Elementary: 33 Middle: 29 High: 21
Number of Report Cards	1,206	1,195	1,191	1,180	1,166	1,163

The above table includes all charter schools but does not include ratings for career and technology centers or special schools as well as 25 elementary, middle, and high schools that did not receive report cards.

“Consistently Excellent”

305 school report cards had an Absolute Rating of Excellent for the past three years.

“Consistently Improving”

5 school report cards improved Absolute Rating from 2012 to 2013 and from 2013 to 2014.

“Persistently Underperforming”

26 school report cards had an Absolute Rating of *At Risk* for the past three years.

High Poverty Elementary, Middle and High Schools with a 2014 **Absolute** Rating of *Excellent* or *Good*

District	School	Poverty Index	Absolute Rating 2014
Abbeville	John C. Calhoun Elementary	94.95	Excellent
Anderson 5	Whitehall Elementary	91.27	Excellent
Fairfield	Fairfield Magnet for Math and Science	91.27	Excellent
Charleston	Military Magnet Academy	92.24	Excellent
Clarendon 1	Scotts Branch High	97.96	Excellent
Georgetown	Carvers Bay High	91.05	Excellent
SC Public Charter	Calhoun Falls Charter	92.13	Excellent
Williamsburg	CE Murray High	96.60	Excellent
Anderson 3	Flat Rock Elem	91.42	Good
Charleston	Stono Park Elem	95.02	Good
Cherokee	Draytonville Elem	90.98	Good
Dorchester 4	Clay Hill Elem	95.27	Good
Greenville	Westcliffe Elem	94.19	Good
Greenville	East North St. Academy	91.51	Good
Horry	South Conway Elementary	93.28	Good
Laurens 56	Eastside Elem	90.97	Good
Richland 1	Gadsden Elementary	97.06	Good
Richland 1	S. Kilbourne Elementary	98.46	Good
Richland 1	Carolina Charter for Inquiry	90.21	Good
Calhoun	Calhoun County High	93.13	Good
Greenville	Berea High	90.42	Good
Marion	Mullins High	95.55	Good
Williamsburg	Hemingway High	94.07	Good

In 2014, the statewide poverty index was 70.7%,
up slightly from 70.0% in 2013.

Five-Year Performance of Underperforming Schools*

Number of Report Cards	2010 Absolute Rating	The 2010 Underperforming Schools in 2014 had Absolute Ratings of:					
		Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At Risk	No Report Card **
135	Below Average	2	3	57	49	6	18
69	At Risk	0	1	7	26	24	11

*Underperforming schools, in this case, are schools with an Absolute Rating of Below Average or At Risk.

** The most likely reason that a school did not receive a report card in 2014 was that the school had previously been closed or merged.

Growth Ratings for Schools, 2009-2014

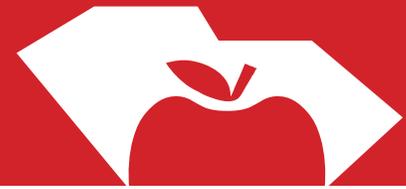
Growth Rating	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Excellent	203 (%) Elementary: 93 Middle: 49 High: 61	200 (17%) Elementary: 92 Middle: 40 High: 68	365 (32%) Elementary: 203 Middle: 88 High: 74	248 (22%) Elementary: 152 Middle: 54 High: 42	250 (22%) Elementary: 183 Middle: 42 High: 25	103 (9%) Elementary: 76 Middle: 8 High: 19
Good	257 (%) Elementary: 169 Middle: 41 High: 47	293 (25%) Elementary: 172 Middle: 68 High: 53	244 (21%) Elementary: 131 Middle: 75 High: 38	225 (20%) Elementary: 126 Middle: 67 High: 32	227 (20%) Elementary: 139 Middle: 67 High: 21	186 (16%) Elementary: 124 Middle: 26 High: 36
Average	447 (%) Elementary: 254 Middle: 178 High: 15	438 (38%) Elementary: 249 Middle: 158 High: 31	390 (34%) Elementary: 243 Middle: 112 High: 35	456 (40%) Elementary: 293 Middle: 134 High: 29	401 (36%) Elementary: 240 Middle: 144 High: 17	534 (47%) Elementary: 338 Middle: 185 High: 11
Below Average	148 (%) Elementary: 74 Middle: 29 High: 45	146 (13%) Elementary: 79 Middle: 27 High: 40	101 (9%) Elementary: 44 Middle: 20 High: 37	140 (12%) Elementary: 49 Middle: 27 High: 64	135 (12%) Elementary: 58 Middle: 29 High: 48	161 (14%) Elementary: 50 Middle: 50 High: 61
At Risk	112 (%) Elementary: 64 Middle: 9 High: 39	84 (7%) Elementary: 57 Middle: 12 High: 15	56 (5%) Elementary: 22 Middle: 12 High: 22	72 (6%) Elementary: 23 Middle: 17 High: 32	116 (10%) Elementary: 17 Middle: 15 High: 84	149 (13%) Elementary: 47 Middle: 31 High: 70
Number of Report Cards	1,167	1,161	1,156	1,141	1,129	1,132

The above table includes all charter schools but does not include ratings for primary schools, career and technology centers or special schools. At the time of publication, the SCDE had not completed the Growth ratings for primary schools. For comparison purposes, primary schools have been removed from previous years.

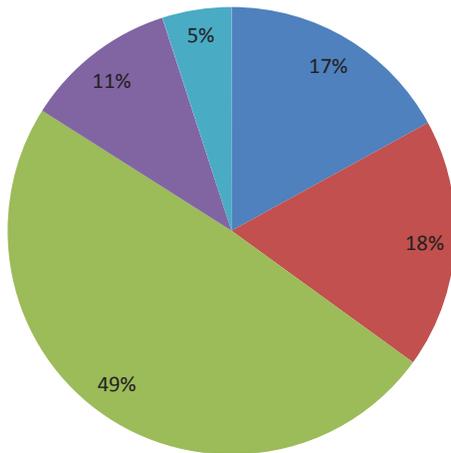
Information about the calculation of elementary and middle school Growth ratings:

In February of 2012 the EOC revised the value table used to calculate the growth index for elementary and middle schools. The committee found that the value table that had been used between 2009 and 2012 did not adequately distinguish between individual student growth at the elementary and middle school level. The EOC adopted a revised growth value table that gives greater weight or value for schools that are successfully moving students who are not meeting grade level expectations to meeting grade level.

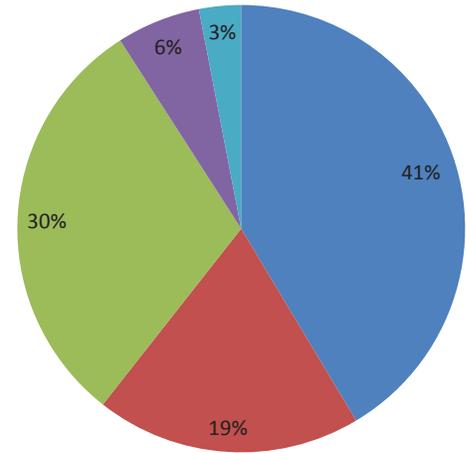
Information on Students



Percent of Students Enrolled in Schools by Report Card Rating, **2009**



Percent of Students Enrolled in Schools by Report Card Rating, **2014**



- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Below Average
- At Risk

Percentage of Students Scoring 2 or Higher (meeting standards) on **HSAP**

Year	English Language Arts	Mathematics
2014	89.8	78.7
2013	90.7	83.5
2012	89.1	82.2
2011	88.6	81.2
2010	85.9	81.7
2009	84.6	79.6

The percentage of students passing end-of-course assessments increased across all courses with the exception of English I.

Percentage of Students Passing **End-of-Course Assessments**, 2009-2014

Course	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Algebra 1/Mathematics for the Technologies 2	85.6%	82.8%	81.7%	82.1%	80.2%
English 1	77.0%	77.2%	74.0%	72.5%	73.7%
US History and the Constitution	65.4%	60.6%	52.8%	49.7%	46.3%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	78.8%	78.2%	76.3%	68.0%	
Physical Science				59.8%	59.1%

Note: The Biology assessment replaced Physical Science in 2012.

The percentage of students scoring *Exemplary* on PASS increased in the majority of grade levels and content areas.

2013-14 PASS Results

Grade	Content Area	% Met or Above			% Exemplary		Difference
		2014	2013	Difference	2014	2013	
3 rd	Writing	78.1	70.3	+7.8	46.7	37.0	+9.7
	Reading & Research	78.9	82.9	-4.0	55.1	57.5	-2.4
	Mathematics	71.6	69.8	+1.8	45.6	42.0	+3.6
	Science	63.5	67.8	-4.3	26.1	23.1	+3.0
	Social Studies	77.2	79.8	-2.6	34.6	34.9	-0.3
4 th	Writing	77.1	74.4	+2.7	38.8	31.6	+7.2
	Reading & Research	76.6	79.0	-2.4	42.2	40.7	+1.5
	Mathematics	75.4	79.8	-4.4	38.6	40.0	-1.4
	Science	69.9	73.1	-3.2	17.7	19.5	-1.8
	Social Studies	83.7	81.8	+1.9	36.9	36.2	+0.7
5 th	Writing	80.8	74.5	+6.3	40.8	33.7	+7.1
	Reading & Research	80.1	82.0	-1.9	36.5	38.3	-1.8
	Mathematics	75.5	76.3	-0.8	40.3	37.0	+3.3
	Science	68.4	73.0	-4.6	21.8	17.1	+4.7
	Social Studies	72.0	71.7	+0.3	35.7	35.3	+0.4
6 th	Writing	74.3	74.7	-0.4	32.0	31.1	+0.9
	Reading & Research	69.3	74.4	-5.1	40.4	35.9	+4.5
	Mathematics	67.7	71.3	-3.6	29.6	30.9	-1.3
	Science	65.7	68.4	-2.7	19.5	16.8	+2.7
	Social Studies	79.3	78.0	+1.3	30.5	30.6	-0.1
7 th	Writing	73.7	76.6	-2.9	36.1	34.4	+1.7
	Reading & Research	68.1	73.2	-5.1	37.8	36.8	-1.0
	Mathematics	69.1	68.3	+0.8	33.4	31.8	+1.6
	Science	73.5	75.5	-2.0	31.0	27.7	+3.3
	Social Studies	67.4	68.3	-0.9	37.9	37.1	+0.8
8 th	Writing	72.4	75.7	-3.3	35.2	33.0	+2.2
	Reading & Research	67.3	67.4	-0.1	37.4	36.5	+0.9
	Mathematics	69.6	70.2	-0.6	26.4	25.8	+0.6
	Science	69.2	71.1	-1.9	31.0	31.4	-0.4
	Social Studies	70.1	71.3	-1.2	41.0	40.1	+0.9