



Instructional Updates



“Stronger Together: United by Purpose, Driven by Impact”

August 20, 2026

Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready & Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society

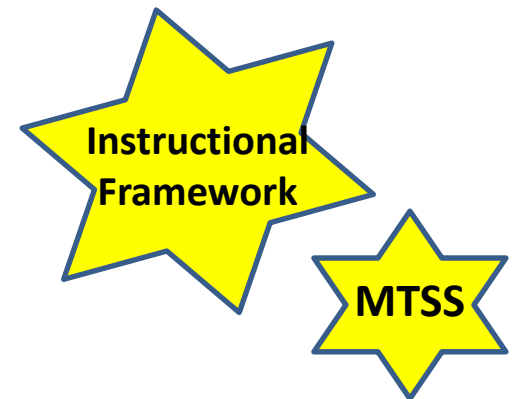
Board Goals

Goal 2: Academic Achievement

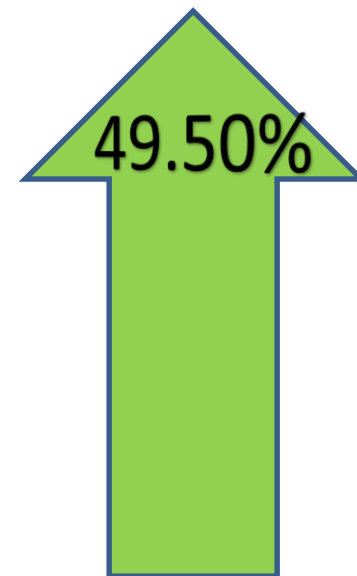
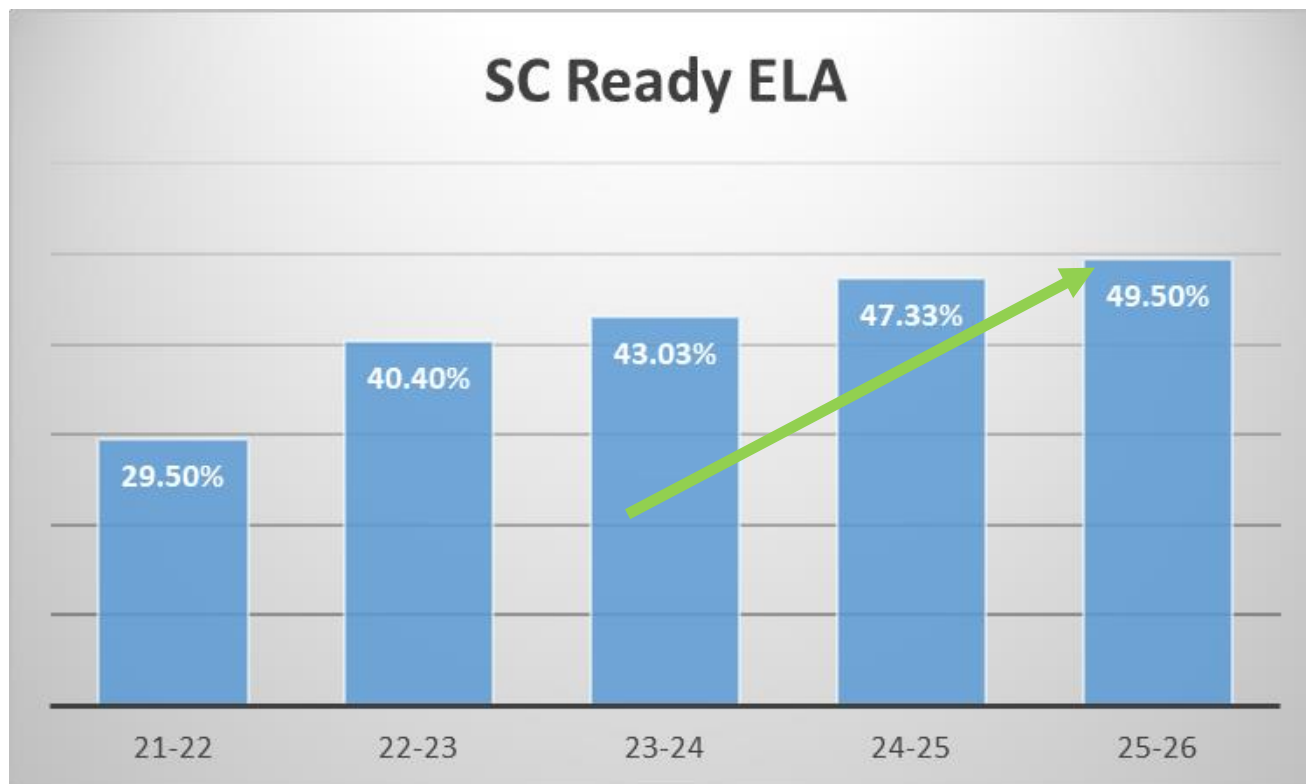
To improve the academic success of all students.

Goal 3: Reading Readiness

To increase the number of students reading on grade level in grades K – 3.



SC Ready ELA



State Average 61.31%

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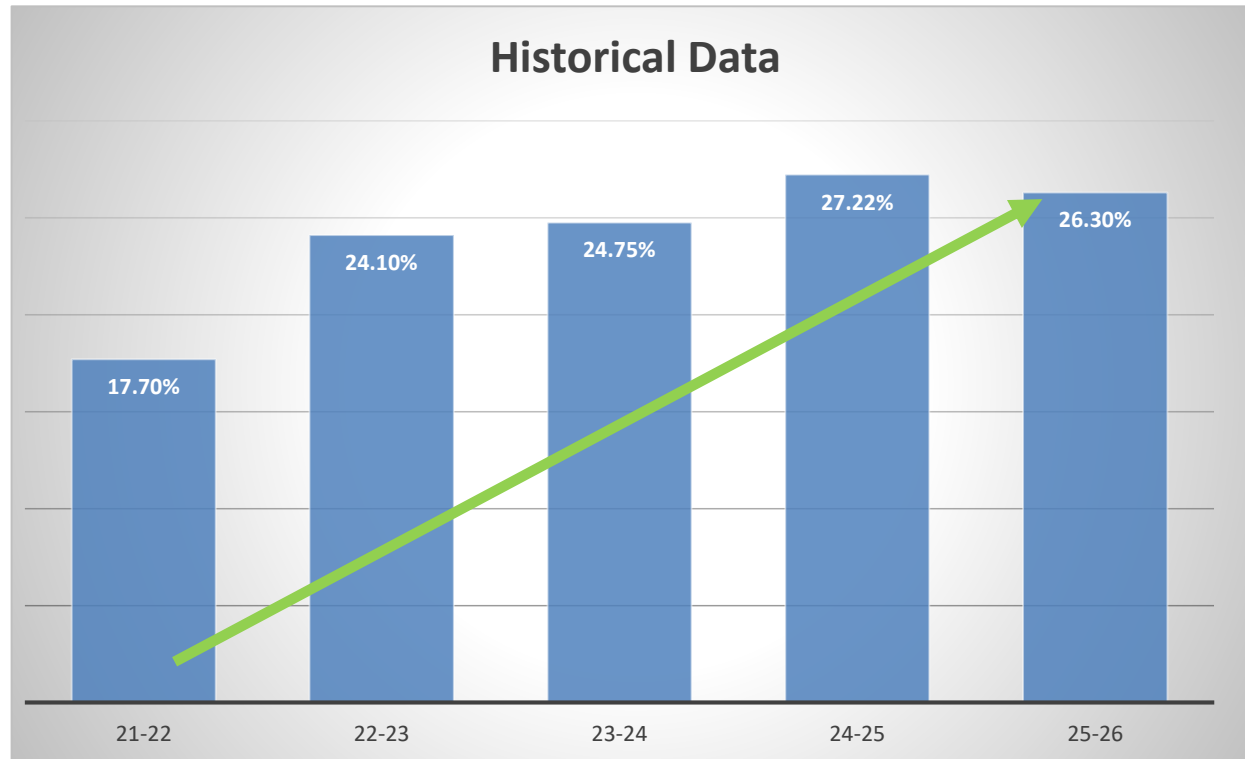
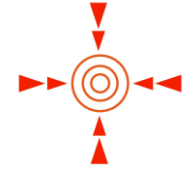


ELA Highlights



- Five-Year Growth: ELA proficiency increased from 29.50% in 2021–22 to 49.50% in 2025–26, representing a 20.0 percentage-point increase.
- Implementing High-Quality Instructional Materials of **Wonders (K-2), Ready (3-8), Study Sync (7-8) & IRLA/LETRS**
- Intentional Focus on Student Reading Conferences **“30 for 30”**
- **Differentiated Tiered Instruction- IRLA**
- **PLCs** – job-embedded professional learning and coaching support
- Intentional Data Dives- “Who’s growing? Next Steps”
- Consistent Upward Trend: Performance has increased every year across the five-year period.

SC Ready Math



State Average 47.93%
New standards/New Assessment

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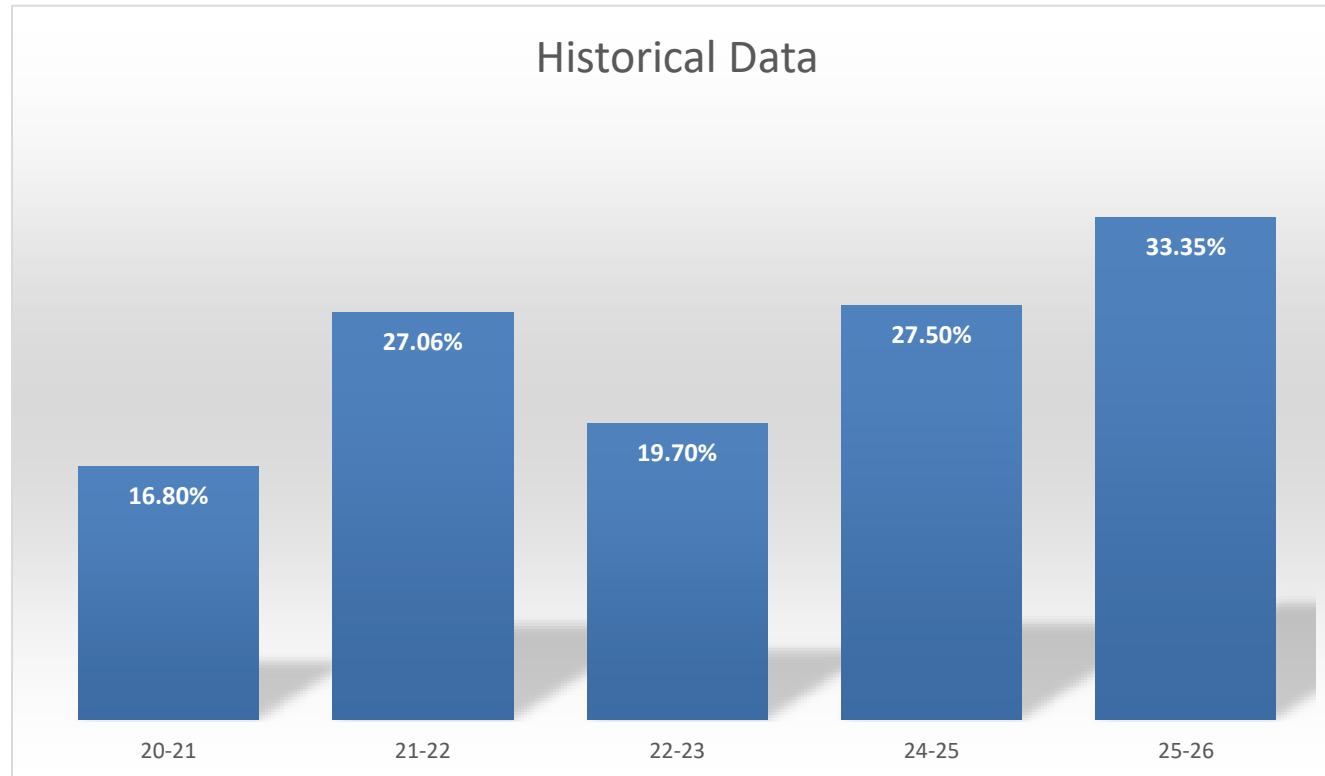
- Overall Long-Term Growth: Math performance increased from 17.70% in 2021–22 to 26.30% in 2025–26, representing an 8.6 percentage-point increase over the five-year period.
- While the 2025–26 result is slightly lower, we must interpret this year's math data carefully because South Carolina implemented new 2025 SC CCR Mathematics Standards, making direct year-to-year comparisons hard. Our focus moving forward is to build on the gains we have made while strengthening students' mathematical reasoning, conceptual understanding, and mastery of grade-level standards."

3 Key Priorities:

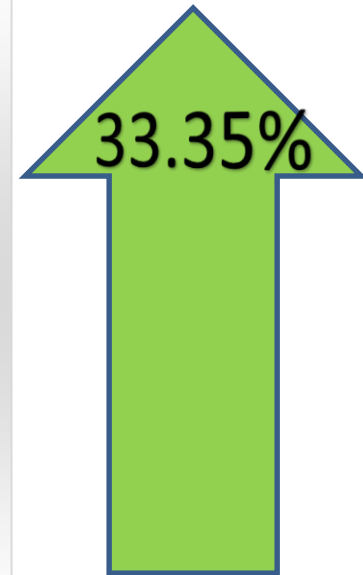
- **Instructional Framework**
 - **High Quality Instructional Materials**
 - **i-Ready 5K-5th**
 - **Math Nation 6-8**
 - **Zearn- digital program**
 - **Intentional Focus on Standards/Strategy PD**
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- **Learning walks** to support core curriculum implementation



SC Ready Science



State Average 51.8%



Next Steps in Science

- Curriculum maps, pacing guides, job embedded professional learning and coaching support
- Comprehensive benchmarks to support mastery of standards
- Bi-weekly Standards Check



End of Course Exams

Course	% Passing (A-C) – FSD3-2024	% Passing (A-C) – FSD3-2025	% Passing (A-C) – FSD3-2026	% Passing (A-C)- State Avg.
Algebra 1	37.4% (95/254)	42% (76/181)	30.2% (62/139)	44.86%
English 2	56.4% (132/234)	51.6% (96/186)	60.00% (111/160) ↑	69.36%
Biology 1	27% (55/204)	28.1% (55/196)	21.89% (93/201)	46.29%
US History	17.5% (37/212)	17.9% (41/229)	17.50% (79/160)	49.10%

Key Instructional Moves

ELA — Read, Think, Talk, Write

- Explicitly teach the standard and make the learning target clear.
- Use grade-level complex texts and HQIM consistently.
- Model how proficient readers think through a text.
- Require students to cite evidence to support analysis and responses.
- Build vocabulary and background knowledge intentionally.

Mathematics — Model, Reason, Represent, Explain

- Begin with a **clear mathematical learning target**.
- Explicitly model new concepts and procedures.
- Connect **concrete** → **pictorial** → **abstract** representations.
- Ask students to explain **why**, not just provide an answer.
- Use multiple representations and strategies.

Science — Question, Investigate, Explain

- Provide opportunities for students to **investigate and gather evidence**.
- Have students analyze data and identify patterns.





Happening in FSD3

- “Across our core academic areas, we are seeing evidence of growth. Our responsibility now is to turn that growth into sustained achievement by strengthening instruction, responding to specific standards-based needs, and ensuring that every student receives the support necessary to reach proficiency.”
- All schools- analyzing **Fall/Spring SC Ready data** and how to use the **Teacher Navigator** to see historical data and help schools with data driven instructional moves.
 - Secondary schools- tracking Grad Rate & CCR
- In September, we will start Fall Data Dives with schools during their “Learning Walk” visits.



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Spotlights:

21st Century Community Learning Centers 5 year Grant:

- Lake City Early Childhood Center
- Olanta Creative Arts & Science Magnet

Original Six Foundation:

- JC Lynch Elementary
- Main Street Elementary



Thurs., Sept. 3rd: Parent Teacher Conference 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 4th: Early Dismissal

Mon., Sept. 7th- No School- Labor Day

