

Swansboro Middle School
2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions
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School Mission:

Swansboro Middle School will provide students with a foundation for the future through a challenging and relevant curriculum, meaningful relationships, and ethical guidance in a safe and caring environment.

School Vision:

- ***Swansboro Middle School will be a clean, safe, caring school where students and staff are engaged in learning.***
- ***Swansboro Middle School will be a school where staff, students, families, and the community work together towards growth and learning.***
- ***Swansboro Middle School will guide students in order to develop the necessary skills for continuous learning.***
- ***Swansboro Middle School will be the center of a cohesive & collaborative environment that fosters learning.***
- ***Swansboro Middle School will build trust and earn respect among staff, students and families and the community to inspire learning.***

School Purpose:

Preparing Students for the future

School Executive's Message:

Swansboro Middle School is a school that embraces the challenges that are a result of the dynamic nature of education today. We realize that the recent changes in education are a direct result of the ever-evolving world in which we now live and we eagerly work to meet the needs of our students. While providing students the opportunity to master the prescribed curriculums, our staff encourages students to be adaptable critical thinkers and problem solvers and to assume leadership roles within the school.

School's Strengths:

- 2012-2013 – Ready EOG above state and district averages in math, reading, science, and Math 1
- Exceeded Expected Growth with 7.5 growth composite
- Exceptional children met AYP during the 2010-2011 school year.
- 14% reduction in discipline referrals from the prior school year.
- Majority of veteran staff have been trained in the use of AVID.
- Math 1 proficiency is above 90% for the past four years, including 93% proficient in 2012-2013.
- Creation of Advisory Curriculum with the inclusion of Rachel's Challenge

- Wireless internet connectivity now available in nearly all areas (breezeway connecting campuses.)
- Effective 6th grade transition plan implemented by counseling department.

School's Challenges:

- Encouraging parental involvement.
- Changing population dynamics.
- Fiscal challenges of providing, updating, and replacing instructional technology.
- School has not met Adequate Yearly Progress since the 2002-2003 academic year.
- Significant achievement gap between white and minority populations.
- Black students and exceptional students met proficiency goals with confidence interval only
- Assuring safety of all personnel with students and staff spread over two campuses.

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

- Continued focus on Rachel's Challenge (presentation of the community program in 2014)
- Completion of focused Literacy Plan for Swansboro Middle School
- Incorporation of Corrective Reading/Math to the benefit of exceptional students
- Retraining of staff on AVID strategies
- Continued focus on data-driven transition plan to include community/parent focus

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

Relative to state and district averages, Swansboro Middle has made a successful transition to the Common Core. Our proficiencies in math, reading, science, and Math 1 were above the state and district averages. We were among the top performing schools in the county and, along with New Bridge Middle School, our composite proficiency was the highest among secondary schools in the county.