

Southwest Elementary School

2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions

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Vision: Excellence in Education

School Mission: SWE will engage students through a rigorous and relevant curriculum in order to prepare them to be 21st century learners.

School Purpose: "To prepare our students to be productive and successful citizens".

School Executive's Message: Southwest Elementary School provides a safe and enriching environment where all students have the opportunity to be successful life-long learners. The school, home and community share with the students the responsibility for their success. As the school continues to implement its' strategic plan, the staff at the school is using all available resources to identify past successes and set new goals for future endeavors. We believe that our students are growing up in a world that will afford them opportunities and present them with challenges we can only imagine. We must have the academic initiatives in place to insure their future success as 21st century learners. If our students are to be productive adults, they will have to be technologically skilled and competent in the areas of literacy, math and science. It is also our goal to assure that our students leave Southwest Elementary School emotionally and socially ready for the future that lies ahead of them.

School's Strengths:

- **School Performance Composite 43.5% on EOG's**
- **Dedicated, highly qualified school staff**
- **Data driven instruction**
- **Strong Foreign Language program (both Spanish and Chinese taught)**
- **Extensive curriculum support personnel able to coach new teachers and provide academic assistance and resources for all staff**

School's Challenges:

- **High transient student population**
- **Increasing ELL population at the school**
- **Meeting the needs of a large student population (875 students) with limited resources and personnel**
- **Funding for initiatives**

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

- **Decrease the number of students not meeting proficiency on state mandated assessments**
- **Earn designation as "School of Environmental Studies"**
- **Provide additional opportunities for students to achieve grade level competency**

- through the extended day program
- **Increasing opportunities for all stakeholders (families, community members, businesses, etc.) to become involved in Southwest Elementary School activities**
 - **Continue to strengthen global studies for students through employment of international teachers, foreign language programs, global studies curriculum etc.**

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

Numerous environmental activities occurred throughout the school year resulted in:

- **More student engagement (box gardens created, outdoor teaching center established, science lab expanded)**
- **More parental involvement (Earth Day Night held with over 350 parents in attendance, parental garden workday held, increased family involvement in recycling initiatives)**
- **Increased community partnerships (Jones Onslow Grants received, Daily News coverage of environmental activities, Lowes partnership established, County Extension agency participation in classroom events).**