

**Southwest High**  
**2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions**  
**Tim Foster - School Executive**

**Vision**  
**"Excellence Has No Boundary"**

**Mission**  
***Southwest High School will prepare students to be globally competitive and responsible citizens through rigorous, relevant, and challenging curriculum.***

**Purpose Statement**  
***To provide students the skills needed to be college and career ready, making them globally competitive in a job market that now stretches the world. Our Students will receive a world class education in a safe and technologically- advanced learning environment.***

**School Executive's Message:**

Southwest High ended the 2012-2013 year with an anticipation of "new" testing results. Common Core and Essential Standards made its debut with questions and concerns. Testing results returned and growth was made; however, our percent proficient was disappointing. With the state expecting results to be much lower than previous years we anticipated the impact. Regardless of state predictions Southwest High continues to raise expectations in attendance, graduation rate and classroom performance.

The summer of 2013 was a season of preparation. Our teachers spent time planning and preparing for the new year with change in mind. As teachers were working on change, the administration of SWH started plans for the transformation of Southwest High School to Southwest High, Center of Excellence. In the following list you will see the next steps developed for change and transformation at Southwest High. I am excited to share that our faculty is committed to change as they continue to implement instruction of the Common Core and Essential Standards. With the support of the administrative team (to include the instructional coach) Southwest High School will continue to evolve into a center of excellence.

**School's Strengths:**

- **Professional Learning Communities committed to growth**
- **Faculty and Staff dedicated to change**
- **Administration commitment to professional growth in support of teachers**
- **Strong community support**
- **Continued focus on Rigor/Relevance Framework-Focus on Rigor**

### **School's Challenges:**

- **Standards Based Teaching-Application of Content to Standards**
- **Rigor for all students**
- **Maintaining cutting edge technology**
- **Teacher morale as they see a lack of respect at the state level**

### **2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:**

- **Literacy Task Force**
  - **Critical Verbs**
  - **Tier Three Vocabulary**
  - **Critical Reading Strategies**
- **Development and Implementation of SWH's Instructional Design**
- **Professional Learning Communities**
  - **EVASS**
  - **Standards Based Planning**
  - **Expand to all Departments**
- **Enhance Student Recognition**
- **Increase means of communication to stakeholders in an effort to increase involvement**
- **School Wide Tutorial**
- **Increase Administrative Instructional Monitoring**

### **Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:**

- **Met growth in English II, Math I**
- **Exceeded Growth in Biology**
- **Professional Learning Communities committed to students learning**
  - **Common Assessments**
  - **Data Analysis**
  - **Common Plans**
  - **Content Vocabulary "Work"**
- **Mindset for Change**
- **Teacher planning during summer break**
- **Improved period attendance.**