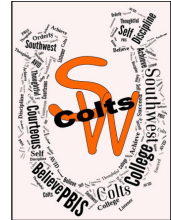


**Southwest Middle School**  
**2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions**  
**Steven E. Clarke - School Executive**



- School Vision:** Believe, Achieve, Succeed
- School Mission:** To provide all students with challenging academics so that they realize their potential for college readiness and improve their quality of life in a global society.
- School Purpose:** Our purpose is to prepare our students for success.

**School Executive's Message:** As an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Demonstration School, the Southwest Middle School staff engages our students with active learning strategies and organizational skills that will prepare them for success. We are proud that we have created a school culture focused on college and career readiness that other schools across the state visit our campus to collaborate with us on school improvement.

**School's Strengths:**

- The implementation of school-wide AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) strategies.
- The use of data to inform planning and improve instruction.
- The implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS).

**School's Challenges:**

- Common Core and Essential Standards
- Proficiency on NC READY Assessments
- Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO's) – The following targets in Math: All students, Multiracial, White, Economically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities.

**2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:**

- Implementation of Professional Learning Communities in partnership with Dixon Middle School during scheduled early release days to focus on analyzing data to inform planning and improve instruction.
- Implementation of Check-in/Check-out procedures for students in order to provide additional behavioral and academic support.
- Utilize the parent portal of PowerSchool to provide parents and guardians instant access to student grades and attendance.
- Improve the school-wide tutorial process.

**Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:**

- Revalidated as an AVID National Demonstration School
- Exceeded Expected Growth
- Increased school's overall growth index from 0.7 to 6.7 according to EVAAS.
- Exceeded Expected Growth in Math, Reading, Eighth Grade Science and Math I.
- Achieved Green Ribbon Status Recognition in PBIS by the NC Department of Public Instruction.