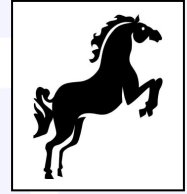


Southwest Middle School
2012-2015
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Believe-Achieve-Succeed



School Executive's Message: It is the purpose of Southwest Middle School to prepare our students for success. We are dedicated to our mission of providing all students with challenging academics so that they realize their potential for college readiness and improve their quality of life in a global society. As an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Demonstration School, we engage our students with active learning strategies and organizational skills that will prepare them for success. Final testing results for the 2011-12 school year indicated that we had 76.63% of our students on grade level. This percentage has increased each of the last five years. We also had a 100% proficiency rate in Algebra I and an 80% proficiency rate in Science and Math. Southwest Middle School was able to meet expected growth for 2011-12 and was placed in the School of Progress category by the North Carolina ABC accountability model.

Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015

- Professional Learning Communities
- AVID; Active Learning Strategies in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support)
- Community Outreach
- Technology

Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015

- World Languages
- Common Core and Essential Standards
- Reading Proficiency and Growth
- NC Ready Assessments and Results

Anticipated Outcomes of 2012-2015 Southwest Middle School Strategic Plan

Southwest Middle School looks forward to re-certification in 2012-13 as an AVID Demonstration Site. We are working hard to create a "college explosion" atmosphere that allows our students the opportunity to dream about attending college and to make those dreams a reality. We are investigating the implementation of World Languages through Rosetta Stone as well as virtual global partnerships. Through AVID, Globalization, Guidelines for Success, and a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program, we will provide meaningful real-world experiences for our students.