

Our Mission

The mission of Southwood

Academy of the Arts is to

provide a nurturing and

challenging learning

environment that

empowers artist-scholars

to reach their full artistic

and academic potential.

Southwood Academy of the Arts

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Extra-Curricular Activities

- ◆ Minecraft Club
- ◆ R.U.S.H Christian Club
- ◆ BETA Club
- ◆ Yearbook Club
- ◆ Book Clubs
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Keys to Success Nights
- ◆ Invention Convention
- ◆ Character Education Program
- ◆ Knighting Ceremonies
- ◆ Early Act First Night Program
- ◆ Parents in Kids' Sneakers Day
- ◆ After-school Tutoring
- ◆ Fall & Winter Dances
- ◆ Principal Pep Talks
- ◆ Holiday Activities
- ◆ Movie Nights
- ◆ Family Picnic
- ◆ Arts Showcase Nights
- ◆ Sports Opportunities at Zoned Schools
- ◆ And much more!

Anderson School District Five

Southwood Academy of the Arts



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PASS PERFORMANCE 2012

- ◆ Advanced Academics (students must maintain high standards of achievements)
- ◆ Accelerated Arts Opportunities (drama, chorus, orchestra, band, art, dance, music composition, piano keyboarding)
- ◆ Arts Integration
- ◆ Family-Friendly, Student-Centered, Safe Environment
- ◆ Total Magnet School (no attendance zone)
- ◆ One Grade Level Added Each Year (6th, 7th and 8th grades for 2013-2014)
- ◆ District Professional Development School for Creative and Performing Arts
- ◆ Dance Studio
- ◆ Black Box Theater
- ◆ Yamaha Keyboarding Labs
- ◆ Two MacBook Pro Computer Labs

Southwood Academy of the Arts opened in August 2011 with approximately 120 sixth grade students. Serving the entire Anderson community as a pure magnet school (no attendance zones), Southwood Academy provides a rigorous academic experience while using the arts as a vehicle to success. The core curriculum for ELA, math, science and social studies is based on state and national standards, but is enhanced with learning opportunities integrating the arts. In addition, students are able to receive accelerated instruction in art, drama, band, chorus, orchestra, dance, and musical keyboarding and composition.



During the 2012-2013 school year, a seventh grade with approximately 120 students was added, which will be followed by an eighth grade class this coming year. With such a small number of students, the faculty and staff are able to build a strong sense of community and self-worth. Students' strengths and accomplishments are celebrated on a daily basis through school-wide morning meetings. Also, performances and exhibitions are scheduled throughout the year to spotlight the children's talents.

The arts engage students in ways that other subjects may not by encouraging creative risk-taking. Through the arts, children can see themselves as creators who value their own ideas and respect the ideas of others. This gateway to learning helps them to understand that there is not always a right answer to a question and that there may be multiple ways to address a problem. The positive results are tangible, both in terms of arts content learning and in the ability to understand and communicate meaning across disciplines. At Southwood Academy of the Arts, students' talents are nurtured as their potential is realized.



SC Annual School Report Card Ratings

Southwood Academy 2012

Absolute Rating: Excellent

Growth Rating: Excellent

Federal Accountability Rating: A

ELA/READING

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	11.1%	32.5%	58.4%
Similar Schools	19.8%	30.4%	49.4%
SC	32%	32.6%	35.9%

MATHEMATICS

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	8.5%	31.9%	59.9%
Similar Schools	19.9%	38.7%	41.4%
SC	31%	40.4%	29.1%

SCIENCE

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	6.7%	63.3%	30%
Similar Schools	19.3%	44.4%	36.2%
SC	30.2%	43.8%	26.7%

SOCIAL STUDIES

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	1.8%	42.1%	56.1%
Similar Schools	18.6%	35.7%	45.8%
SC	31.7%	32.8%	31.6%

SC Annual School Report Card

"Excellent" Absolute Grade
"Excellent" Growth Rate Grade

Federal Accountability Rating
"100/A" Grade