

## 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.

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## School Improvement Council 2013-2014

### Elected Members

Roger Ellison, Chairman  
Jennifer Brockelbank, Secretary  
Mitzi Cain  
Joshua Powell  
Jamie Hawkins

### Appointed Members

David Barfield  
Kimberly Spears  
David Perry

### Ex-Officio Members

Gary Bruhjell

### SIC Initiatives

Participate in the development of the five-year School Improvement Plan.

Assist in implementing the plan and evaluating the outcomes.

Advise on spending of any state incentive award funds received by the school.

Write the annual "Report to the Parents" about progress of the school and SIC in achieving the goals and objectives of the School Improvement Plan.

Write the annual "School Report Card."

## Anderson School District Five



## Southwood Academy of the Arts



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## PASS PERFORMANCE 2013

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ District Professional Development School for Creative and Performing Arts
- ◆ Specialized Art Classrooms
- ◆ 3-D Art Studio
- ◆ Dance Studios
- ◆ Black Box Theater
- ◆ Yamaha Keyboarding Labs
- ◆ Two MacBook Pro Computer Labs



Southwood Academy of the Arts serves the entire Anderson community as a pure magnet school for the creative and performing arts for students in grades six through eight. 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 visual art, band, chorus, orchestra, dance, drama, piano technology, and music composition.

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 a school-wide morning meeting. Positive character traits are studied and celebrated using the Rotary Club's Four-Way Test and "Early Act First Knight" program.

Southwood Academy of the Arts has firmly established a reputation for excellence in the Anderson area. Since opening in 2011, each year the school has met all federal "No Child Left Behind" criteria, received "Excellent" school report card ratings from the South Carolina Department of Education, and has been honored as a Palmetto Gold Incentive Award recipient. In addition, the school is currently recognized by the South Carolina Arts Commission as a Distinguished Arts Grant and Arts in Basic Curriculum site.

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.

### ELA/READING

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	9.6%	31.9%	58.5%
Similar Schools	19.9%	33.5%	46.6%
SC	30%	35.8%	34.7%

### MATHEMATICS

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	10.5%	41.5%	48%
Similar Schools	21.7%	40.2%	38.1%
SC	32%	41%	27.6%

### SCIENCE

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	5.3%	63.7%	31%
Similar Schools	18.6%	48.6%	32.9%
SC	29.6%	47.3%	23.9%

### SOCIAL STUDIES

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	7.4%	35.2%	57.4%
Similar Schools	20.1%	34.7%	45.2%
SC	31.2%	35.7%	33.9%

### WRITING

School/State	% "Not Met"	% "Met"	% "Exemplary"
Southwood Academy	7.4%	30.1%	62.4%
Similar Schools	16.4%	39.8%	43.8%
SC	26.3%	43.2%	31.2%

#### SC Annual School Report Card Ratings

Southwood Academy 2013

Absolute Rating: Excellent

Federal Accountability Rating: 100/A  
(Southwood Academy of the Arts is one of only five middle schools in the state to receive a 100/A Rating)