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

Southwood Academy of the Arts
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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



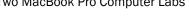
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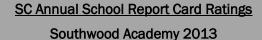


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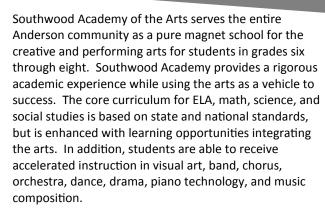
- Advanced Academics (students must maintain high standards of achievements)
- Accelerated Arts Opportunities (drama, chorus, orchestra, band, art, dance, music composition, piano keyboarding)
- Arts Integration
- Family-Friendly, Student-Centered, Safe Environment
- Total Magnet School (no attendance 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





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)



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.

PASS PERFORMANCE 2013

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/Stat e	% "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%