

South Mississippi County School District
2013-2014
Report to the Public

The goal of South Mississippi County School is to provide a quality education for the success of all students beyond the K-12 school experience. The study of both longitudinal and cross-sectional data indicates that each school needs additional focus in math beginning at grade four. This places the District into the Needs Improvement status rating. Each school is meeting or exceeding the expected rate of growth in literacy and in the attendance rate. Rivercrest High School graduation rate for 2013 was 84.5% which is above the state average. Data from formative assessments will be analyzed throughout the year to monitor progress toward meeting the literacy and math goals.

Use of resources will continue to be focused on improvement in literacy and math at all schools as the Common Core Standards are implemented. Additional support personnel will be used to address needs of students in specific areas of math. Implementation of one-to-one technology will continue with purchase of devices for two grades this year. Appropriate software for instruction is available at each school. Other technology upgrades include the district wide use of the Google system, increased bandwidth and connectivity, and professional development for staff and students in the use of technology devices for instruction and learning.

Progress on the construction of the PK-6 facility continues with plans for completion and occupancy in August, 2014. The facility includes four classroom wings which have hallways designed to serve as tornado shelters. Also included are a science lab, classrooms to serve students with special needs, two computer labs, a library-media center, a parent center and a cafeteria which includes a stage for student performances. A Physical Education building with a full sized hardwood basketball court is included as well as music and art classrooms, teacher workrooms, offices for the administrative and counseling staff, and state of the art technology capabilities.

South Mississippi County Schools is accredited with no deficiencies by the Arkansas Department of Education and is a member in good standing of the Advanced Education Association. Parents and patron may access more information through the District website: smccolts.com