

Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy

Governing Board Report

Date: 1/21/2026

Principal: Teddy McIlwain

Revenue Planning	Enrolled	Waitlist
Kindergarten	82	7
1st Grade	82	0
2nd Grade	110	4
3rd Grade	107	0
4th Grade	97	21
5th Grade	97	12
6th Grade	125	52
7th Grade	104	43
8th Grade	94	35
Total	898	174

Criteria	Progress
Academics	<p>Strong Start to Semester 2</p> <p>We are approximately two and a half weeks into the second semester and have had a smooth and successful return from winter break. Students, families, and staff transitioned back into learning routines quickly, reflecting the strength of the systems established during the</p>

	<p>first semester.</p> <p>Focus on Core Learning and Routines During the opening weeks, time was intentionally spent reinforcing essential academic skills and resetting classroom routines and expectations. This ensured learning resumed with minimal disruption and strong engagement across classrooms.</p> <p>Assessment and Data Review Students completed the i-Ready diagnostic assessment last week. Results from i-Ready, along with Winter MVPA assessment data, will be shared with the Board in an upcoming report. Instructional teams are currently reviewing the data to celebrate student growth, identify trends, and plan targeted next steps.</p> <p>Instructional Priorities Driving Growth Across classrooms, several consistent practices have been identified as key to continued academic progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clear lesson openings and learning goals ● Explicit teaching and modeling ● Ongoing monitoring with timely feedback ● Strong lesson closures ● Targeted small-group instruction and intervention <p>Looking Ahead The administrative team remains focused on supporting teachers and students as we build on first-semester momentum and sustain academic growth through the remainder of the school year.</p>
Staffing	Fully Staffed

Operations	<p>Facilities: Facilities remain in excellent condition. Over winter break, erosion control work was completed to ensure the football field and other areas remain well-maintained.</p> <p>Communication: Parents continue to receive weekly updates, through the <i>Rocket Blast</i>, ensuring families remain informed and connected. Grade-level teams maintain consistent notifications, and RPSA, Athletics, and Student Support Teams communicate regularly throughout the month to keep families engaged.</p> <p>Transportation: We continue to operate six buses across seven routes. Routes remain stable, and daily arrivals and dismissals remain smooth, with fewer late returns and a consistent transportation schedule.</p> <p>School Nutrition: Student participation in school meals has remained steady. The Student Culinary Council continues to provide student input and feedback.</p>
Athletics/Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary Cheer & Flag Football Clubs ● STEM Club ● Digi Bridge ● Basketball ● Cheer
Student Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Junior Honor Society
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dottie Rose Foundation
Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homecoming 2025-2026
Budget	See Report in Email

