

Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy
Governing Board Report

Date: 5/27/27

Principal: Teddy McIlwain

Revenue Planning	Applications Received	Waitlist
Kindergarten	170	0
1st Grade	40	0
2nd Grade	39	0
3rd Grade	58	0
4th Grade	48	0
5th Grade	60	25
6th Grade	99	22
7th Grade	55	41
8th Grade	26	17
Total	595	105

- 218 families have confirmed and submitted all documents
- 61 families are in the process of submitting enrollment documents.
- 773 families confirmed as returning of 800 eligible students 97%

Criteria	Progress
Academics	Click Here for Report
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retained over 96% of Staff

Operations & Infrastructure

Capital Improvements

- Added two additional secured entry points to improve campus safety and accessibility
- Upgraded campus-wide wireless infrastructure serving more than 900 students and nearly 100 staff members
- Improved campus connectivity and reliability for instructional technology and daily operations
- Addressed field erosion and drainage issues to preserve the functionality and appearance of athletic and recreational spaces
- Continued work toward fencing the entire campus perimeter to strengthen school security
- Exploring additional outdoor storage solutions to maximize instructional and operational space
- Continued commitment to maintaining a safe, clean, and high-quality campus environment for students, staff, and families

Transportation

- Successfully operated 7 bus routes serving nearly 400 students and families
- Maintained safe, reliable, and geographically responsive transportation services through partnership with Olympic Transportation
- Supported transportation for more than a dozen field trips and student experiences throughout the school year
- Continued partnership with Olympic Transportation for Summer Enrichment programming

School Nutrition

- Increased student engagement in school meal participation through student-informed menu planning
- Expanded meal offerings with initiatives such as Wing Wednesdays and Domino's Smart Slice Fridays
- Continued focus on providing nutritious, high-quality meals for students daily
- Achieved meal participation rates as high as 96% of the student population

<p>Athletics/Clubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Won the Soccer Championship during the 2025–2026 school year ● Finished as runner-up champions in Spring Soccer and JV Volleyball ● Continued growth and competitive success across athletic programs ● Cheerleaders represented SCSA through performances at Time Warner Arena and appearances on Power 98 ● Continued serving as the largest Digi-Bridge site in Charlotte, NC ● Expanded after-school STEM enrichment opportunities for students
<p>Student Organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>National Junior Honor Society</u> held two induction ceremonies during the school year Welcomed more than 30 students into the NJHS chapter ● <u>Student Government</u>: Students in grades 5–8 elected representatives to serve in student leadership roles ● Student leaders supported fundraising efforts, school events, philanthropic activities, and student advocacy initiatives
<p>Partnerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued partnership with the Dottie Rose Foundation to support girls in STEM experiences ● Partnered with the Herbert Flowers Foundation to provide STEM-focused enrichment opportunities and STEM gifts for students ● Collaborated with MorphEd to complete a comprehensive current-state assessment of the school ● Collected stakeholder feedback through surveys and interviews involving students, staff, and families ● Partnered with Discovery Place and NASA to host “Exploring Space,” a STEM engagement event for SCSA families ● Provided hands-on aerospace learning experiences through a mobile planetarium and STEM stations

<p>Celebrations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rocket Parent Staff Association (RPSA) successfully hosted signature school events including Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, and the Spring Carnival ● RPSA fundraising efforts generated more than \$60,000 in support of students, staff, and school initiatives ● Welcomed newly elected 2026–2027 RPSA Executive Board members ● Celebrated LeQueita Carter as SCSA Teacher of the Year and Regional Teacher of the Year ● Received a DonorsChoose grant providing portable piano keyboards and drums to enhance the music program ● Expanded student performance opportunities through the continued growth of the SCSA Drumline ● Successfully completed the Department of Charter Schools Renewal Visit with positive feedback and no required corrective actions
<p>Budget</p>	<p>See Report in Email</p>