



# **SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

### **Southwest PROFILE 2011-12**

#### **Student Support Services Team** *Our Bountiful Community*

Danette Morrell, Principal  
 Fernando O'Campo, VP Curriculum  
 Craig Lyon, VP Discipline  
 Francisco Roman, Head Counselor  
 Kevin McFadden, Freshman Counselor  
 Susan Munguia, 10th-12th Counselor  
 Julie Moreno, 10th-12th Counselor  
 Rosa Maldonado, 10th-12th Counselor  
 Beatriz Zayas, 10th-12th Counselor  
 Debbie Gonzalez, Counseling Clerk  
 Terri Zwart, School Psychologist  
 Imelda Morales, School Registrar

Southwest High School is located in El Centro, California and is part of the vibrant agricultural community of Imperial County. The city is situated in the southeast corner of California along the United States/Mexico border region, thus contributing to a richly mixed school culture.

#### **Our Diverse Campus**

The school reflects the cultural and socioeconomic makeup of the local community. Presently, there are 2,050 students in the school: 623 in the 9th grade, 504 in the 10th grade, 479 in the 11th grade, and 444 in the 12th grade. The ethnic breakdown is approximately 88% Hispanics, 7% White, 1% Black, 2% Asian, 1% Other. In addition, over 25% of the student body are identified as English Language Learners (ELL) and approximately 64% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunches.

#### **Our Curriculum**

The academic program is organized in semesters. A maximum load is six classes or thirty credits per semester. A minimum of 220 credits with an average grade point average of 2.0 is required for graduation. Advanced Placement Courses are available in the following areas: English, Math, Science, History, Spanish, and French. Students must have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better in order to enroll in these courses. In addition, we have two career academies on our campus (1) Visual and Performing Arts Academy SAVAPA and (2) Health Occupations Academy HOSA.

#### **Our Post-Secondary Attendance History**

The great majority of our students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and are the first ones in their families to attend college. Traditionally 70% of our students enroll at a 2-Year College, 5% attend technical/vocational school, 4% enroll in military branch, 1% decide to take a "gap year" to work or travel, and 20% matriculate at a 4-Year University with the great majority attending the CSU and UC Systems.

#### **Accreditation**

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

#### **Awards/Honors/Recognition**

2011 SPARCS

#### **Graduation Requirements**

##### **220 credits with a 2.0 G.P.A**

- 8 semesters of English
- 4 semesters of Mathematics
- 6 semesters of Social Science
- 4 semesters of Science
- 2 semesters of Foreign Language or Visual Arts
- 2 semesters of Academic Elective
- 4 semesters of Physical Education
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Computer Literacy

	<b>Grading</b>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>AP Courses</u>
<b>A= Excellent</b>	4 points	5 points
<b>B= Above Average</b>	3 points	4 points
<b>C=Average</b>	2 points	3 points
<b>D= Passing</b>	1 point	2 points

<b>A-G Requirements Completed (%)</b>
<b>Class of 2009 155 students or 32.21%</b>
<b>Class of 2010 167 students or 35.68%</b>
<b>Class of 2011 170 students or 37.57%</b>
<b>Class of 2012 164 students or 34.02%</b>

**New Honors System**

**Summa Cum Laude: 4.33 G.P.A or higher**  
**Magna Cum Laude: 3.90 G.P.A to 4.299 G.P.A**  
**Cum Laude: 3.50 G.P.A to 3.89 G.P.A**