



Southwest

**SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
PROFILE 2015-16**

Student Support Services Team *Our Bountiful Community*

- Danette Morrell, Principal
- Mickaelle Bonfils, VP Curriculum
- Sergio Rubio, VP Discipline
- Beatriz Zayas, Head Counselor/IB
- Julie Moreno, Head Counselor
- Roxanne Felix, 9th-12th Counselor
- Karla Lopez, 9th-12th Counselor
- Rosa Maldonado, 9th-12th Counselor
- Francisco Roman, 9th-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 2,290 students in the school: 734 in the 9th grade, 601 in the 10th grade, 496 in the 11th grade, and 459 in the 12th grade. The ethnic breakdown is approximately 90% Hispanics, 7% White, 1% Black, 1% Asian, 1% Other. In addition, over 35% of the student body are identified as English Language Learners (ELL) and approximately 75% 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. Starting 2015, we will offer International Baccalaureate classes towards a diploma. 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 60% 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 30% matriculate at a 4-Year University with the great majority attending the CSU and UC Systems.

Accreditation

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

International Baccalaureate (IB) School

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

Grading

General AP Courses

A= Excellent	4 points	5 points
B= Above Average	3 points	4 points
C=Average	2 points	3 points
D= Passing	1 point	2 points

Honors System

- Summa Cum Laude:** 4.33 G.P.A or Higher
- Magna Cum Laude:** 3.90 G.P.A or Higher
- Cum Laude:** 3.50 G.P.A or Higher

