

**Southwest Academy  
Community School Progress Summary 2019-2020  
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<p><b>BCPS Vision:</b> Baltimore County Public Schools will be among the highest performing school systems in the nation as a result of creating, sustaining, and investing in excellence for every student, every school, and every community.</p>	<p><b>School Mission:</b> At Southwest Academy Magnet School for Science and Engineering, students are exposed to rigorous instruction that is culturally responsive and sensitive to their unique learning needs; thus, inspiring them to be 21st century leaders.</p>
<b>Literacy</b>	
<b>Goal: All students will achieve literacy proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.</b>	
<b>Raise the Bar</b>	<b>Close the Gap</b>
<p><b>Instructional Focus:</b> Teachers will implement the Marking the Text (AVID) close reading strategy to cite textual evidence when writing and answering questions.</p>	<p><b>Instructional Focus:</b> Teachers will integrate written English Language instruction into content-area teaching.</p>
<b>Math</b>	
<b>Goal: All students will achieve mathematics proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.</b>	
<b>Raise the Bar</b>	<b>Close the Gap</b>
<p><b>Instructional Focus:</b> Teachers will implement rich tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving in mathematics.</p>	<p><b>Instructional Focus:</b> Teachers will provide explicit academic vocabulary instruction including the use of visual cues and multiple representations.</p>
<b>Climate</b>	
<b>Goal: By 2020, the rate of suspension will decrease from 10.98% to 8%.</b>	
<b>Focus:</b>	
<p>Develop and implement a school wide behavior management plan and team that consistently reinforces the POUNCE Code of Conduct (PBIS); plans for a variety of positive incentives that are linked to behavioral expectations; revisits behaviors that are teacher/resource staff/administrator managed; supports teachers in developing classroom plans consistent with school-wide expectations; collects, reviews and analyzes data in SIS.</p> <p>Teachers will explicitly teach interpersonal skills, including communication, and self-management, aligning lessons with classroom and schoolwide expectations for student behavior.</p>	