



Mrs. April Swarey is Elkin High School's 2012 Teacher of the Year. An English teacher, Mrs. Swarey received her Associate in Arts degree from Surry Community College in 1990. She attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she earned her B.A. in English and History in 1992. In the following years, Mrs. Swarey completed an Associate in Applied Science in Computer Programming from Surry Community College, completed the NC Teach (Teacher Education Program) from North Carolina State University and earned a M.A. in English from North Carolina State University.

Mrs. Swarey has been teaching for three years. She is currently a member of North Carolina Association of Educators and a member of the Autism Society.

While it is Mrs. Swarey's main focus to teach the English language, getting to know and understand the motivations of her students makes the likelihood they will learn much higher. One of the greatest rewards Mrs. Swarey receives from teaching is the light of success in her students' faces when they accomplish what they fear will never happen.

Mrs. Swarey will represent Elkin High School in the annual Elkin City Schools Teacher of the Year competition in May.