



Single Subject Acceleration (SSA)

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Board of Education defines acceleration as allowing a student to move through traditional educational organizations more rapidly, based on readiness and motivation. Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) is the practice of assigning a student to a higher-grade level than is typical, given the student’s age, for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in either math or English/language arts. SSA is an accelerative practice that allows students to show mastery of content of select elementary or middle school courses without having taken the course.

During specified nomination windows, parents or teachers can nominate students to skip a grade level of content in either English Language Arts **OR** Mathematics. Students may only be nominated and assessed for SSA in ONE subject area.

Mark your calendars, as nominations will only be received by your child's school during the open Nomination Window for your child's calendar. **Nomination Windows officially close at the end of the school day for each designated window.**

[Nomination Form](#)

2018 Dates

School Calendar	Nomination Window	School Testing Window
YR Track 1	4/12-4/25/2018	5/3-5/9/2018
YR Track 2	4/9-4/20/2018	4/30-5/4/2018
YR Track 3	4/12-5/17/2018	5/25-6/1/2018
YR Track 4	5/4-5/17/2018	5/25-6/1/2018

[SSA Parent Presentation](#)

Interested in learning more? In this PowerPoint we will explore the following information shared at our Parent Information Sessions:

- General ELA and [Math](#) Progressions
- [Middle School Math Placement](#)
- Guidelines Opportunities for Acceleration including SSA
- Timelines for Nomination, Testing, and Placement

[SSA Logistics](#)

- What assessment(s) will my child take to be considered for SSA?
- What are the standards for the course?
- What is the criteria for SSA?
- What are the time limits for testing?

Please review the following regarding the SSA process:

- ★ Assessment for SSA will include an **above grade level comprehensive** examination to establish mastery of the foundational skills and content this course / subject requires.
- ★ Students will only have one attempt at the exam.
- ★ Prior to the exam, students may [review the content standards and test format for the course or subject area](#) that they are seeking to demonstrate mastery.
- ★ A Kindergarten student looking to skip first grade math must receive a level 3 on each of the individual constructed response tasks without assistance.
- ★ A Kindergarten student looking to skip first grade ELA must receive an mCLASS TRC Level K with a score of 3 on both written comprehension questions without assistance for **both** a fiction **and** a nonfiction text.
- ★ Students currently in grades 1-7 that are nominated for SSA ELA and receive an 85% or higher on the above grade-level assessment, will be required to respond to a writing prompt.
 - ★ All writing samples will be scored by our district writing representatives and reported back to schools.
 - ★ Students must earn a "2" on the [rubric](#) in order to meet the writing criteria for SSA.
- ★ Multiple Choice assessments will be reported as a percent correct. Parents will not receive a breakdown of questions/standards missed.
- ★ In order to maintain test security, parents will not be able to review items on any SSA assessment.
- ★ **If the district criteria for SSA is not met, acceleration will not be an option for the following school year.**

[SSA Video for Schools](#)

This video was shared with K-7 math and ELA teachers.

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)