



Parent FAQs – Single Subject Acceleration

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Any student who is enrolled in Wake County Public School system during the SSA Test Request Window is eligible for testing. If your child is already Single Subject Acceleration and you would like to seek additional acceleration, please contact your child's AIG teacher.

Can a parent request testing for his/her child in both subject areas?

No. Students may **not be tested in two areas**. Schools will not accept Test Request Forms if more than one subject area is checked.

Are testing accommodations provided for students who require them during SSA assessments?

Yes. Schools should work with Testing Coordinators to ensure accommodations are up to date and provided for students with LEP Plans, IEPs, and/or 504s during SSA assessments.

How will students who qualify for SSA be served?

Schools will determine their own delivery of content. Instruction can be delivered through face-to-face instruction or online (for specific grades only). For 5th graders taking sixth grade content or middle schoolers taking high school content, delivery may be through online instruction. Students will not travel to another school/campus as services must be handled at the student's assigned school.

How is a student's schedule affected when they participate in SSA?

By participating in SSA, parents are aware that changes in scheduling might occur, which may result in other off-grade level activities (e.g. other content areas, specials, lunch, recess). Schools are not always able to provide a master schedule with content areas at the same time. Schools will work to create a personalized schedule for students in SSA, needing to access the above grade-level curriculum.

Specials, such as Art, Music, and Physical Education, are all part of the NC Standard Course of Study with Essential Standards in each area. To meet NC General Statutes of a comprehensive education, each student must attend specials even if they are participating in SSA. Schools will address scheduling needs on an individual basis.

How will scores be reported to parents?

SSA Liaisons will send home a letter stating if students have qualified for SSA or not. The percent the student scored on the SSA assessment will be reported on this letter.



Is it possible to get a more detailed report from to show scores on specific standards?

Item analysis for SSA scores will not be reported back to schools. Schools only receive the percent correct on the accelerated assessment, which will, in turn, be shared with parents.

If a current 7th grader qualifies for ELA SSA, what are the ELA options for the student?

If a student qualifies for SSA, he/she will have two course options: Creative Writing or English I, each of which will be taken via North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS). NCVPS is the only available option for the delivery of instruction. **Note that middle school students do not receive honors credit via NCVPS.** High school courses taken in middle school will not contribute to the student's high school GPA. Please seek further guidance about course options and projected courses for middle school students from your child's middle school counselor.

If a student transfers into WCPSS after the nomination window for SSA, will the student have the opportunity to take the assessment?

Students who transfer into WCPSS after the test request window will have the opportunity to take the assessment in the spring of the **next school year**. Only students who are currently **enrolled and attending** WCPSS during the test request window are eligible for SSA testing. If a student transfers in later in the year, the principal should make a placement decision based on the available information, transcripts, records, etc.

Which teacher is responsible for the gaps in instruction if a student qualifies for SSA and has these gaps?

By requesting SSA, students will not receive direct instruction on any content they are skipping. While school supports may be put in place for identified gaps, the classroom and/or AIG teacher will not provide direct instruction to give support for those gaps.

Which EOG will an SSA student take?

It is a state mandate that students take the EOG for the grade to which they are assigned. For example, a fourth grade student taking fifth grade math, will take the fourth grade EOG.

What are district expectations for taking any grade-level benchmarks during the school year?

Our expectation is that students will take benchmarks for the course they are currently taking so that those scores can help to guide instruction.



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