

Fall 2020 Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Test Request Form

This form is optional.

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.

Is your child a good candidate for SSA?

- ✓ Consider your child's social and emotional maturity. Your child will be taking classes with peers who may be older or they will be working on their own.
- ✓ Consider your child's organizational skills and ability to focus.
- ✓ Your child will be skipping an entire year's worth of content and background knowledge.
 - o The AIG teacher and homeroom teachers are not responsible for covering any content your child skipped as a result of receiving SSA services.
- ✓ If your child qualifies for SSA in math or ELA in elementary or middle school, some courses take place online. During the school day, students participate independently in these online courses.
- ✓ SSA may result in a different class schedule. To accommodate your child's academic needs, the school may assign your child a nontraditional schedule. The final decision about scheduling will be made by the principal at each school.

SSA Assessment Information

Assessment for SSA will include a comprehensive examination to establish mastery of the foundational skills and content this course /subject requires.

Specifically:

- ✓ First grade students looking to skip first grade math, the student must receive a level 3 on each of the individual constructed response tasks without assistance.
- ✓ First grade students looking to skip first grade ELA, will be assessed using iStation.
- ✓ A 2nd-8th grade student in **mathematics must** earn a **minimum of 80% accuracy** on the above grade level comprehensive assessment. The assessments have open response questions.
- ✓ In **English/Language Arts** all students must earn **≥85% correct** on Acceleration Assessment **AND** score proficient (**level 4**) on scored writing prompt for elementary school. Middle school students must score proficient (**level 3**) on a writing prompt.
- ✓ Prior to the exams, students may review the content standards for the course or subject area that they are seeking to demonstrate mastery. North Carolina State Standard Course of Study Links: [ELA NC State Standard Course of Study](#) and [Math NC State Standard Course of Study](#)
- ✓ All SSA testing will be administered in an online platform. A browser will need to be installed prior to testing.
- ✓ No iPads can be used for SSA online testing.
- ✓ Acceleration assessments will be reported as percent correct.
- ✓ Due to test security, items on the test will not be able to be reviewed on any Acceleration Assessment. There will not be a breakdown of question by question response available.
- ✓ Eligibility to accelerate is based on meeting the above criteria. Students who do not meet the criteria for SSA will have an opportunity to test again during the spring of 2021 for the next school year (2021-2022).

Test Request Deadlines and Testing Windows:

Test Request Deadlines

Test Requests can be submitted during your school's orientation days and for the Virtual Academy the Test Request can be submitted during the same time period. The last day for SSA test requests to be received is Monday, Aug. 31. If you have previously submitted a SSA Test Request form during the 2019-2020 school year and/or over the summer, as well as through providing a staff member written notification of your request for SSA testing, then you do NOT need to submit this request again. However, it is *highly recommended* that you email your child's homeroom teacher and AIG teacher about this request.

If you have any school related questions or concerns, communicate with the SSA Contact at your child's school to discuss this request.

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If submitting this form please email the AIG teacher and your child's teacher.

This form does **NOT** have to be submitted in order for your child to be tested for SSA. Your request for testing must be in writing and clearly indicate which **ONE** subject you are requesting for your child to be tested.

STUDENT INFORMATION			
Student Name:		Current Grade:	
Homeroom Teacher's name:		Student ID Number:	
School Name:		Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian:			
Parent Email:			

I am requesting a test for Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) in the following area:

- Math **OR** English Language Arts

A student may only be accelerated in ONE subject.

Schools will **not** be able to test your child if the Test Request form has more than one area checked.