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WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

What is Single Subject Acceleration (SSA)?

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) is the practice of placing a student in a higher-grade level in one subject area. This type of acceleration is for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in either math or English Language Arts.

Who can be tested for SSA?

- Current Kindergarten students through 7th grade students

Requests for SSA testing comes from parents

SSA Process from Test Request to Results

Test Request

Parent fills out the Fuller SSA test Request google form between February 22nd and March 22.

[Fuller SSA TEST request form Spring 2021](#)



SSA test requests can only be submitted during the test request windows for that school so schools can prepare for testing.

Testing

All students (except some K students) test on a computer during the Testing Window which is April 7- April 28



Schools wait for final results from Advance Learning Services.

Results

Schools share results with parents.



Schools share results with parents. Results will be used to plan instruction for the following school year.

Request and Testing Windows

SSA Parent Test Request Windows


Leadership Academies: Feb. 22-March 29	Modified Calendar: Feb. 22- April 2
Year Round Track 4, Barwell ES, Fox & Walnut Creek ES: Feb.22 - March 22	Traditional Calendar: Feb. 22-March 22

Test Requests will NOT be accepted after the window has closed.

Testing Windows

Leadership Academies: April 19-May 7	Modified Calendar: April 19-May 7
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Test Request Form



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SSA Test Request

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 placing a student in a higher-grade level in one subject area. This type of acceleration is for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in either math or English Language Arts.

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SSA Testing (Elementary School)

A student must test and show mastery of the content area that they desire to skip.

For example:

- a 3rd grade student takes a 4th grade math or ELA assessment for SSA
- If mastery is shown on the SSA assessment for 4th grade math or ELA, the third grader will take the fifth grade math/ELA course during their fourth grade year

Online Testing Platform

- [Video](#) showing student experience in enCase
- [Log in directions](#) for enCase

- 90 minutes testing sessions for ELA, math, and writing
 - First grade tests are student paced

Kindergarten Testing

- Kindergarten students will be tested using iStation for reading. **This window is May 3-28.**
- A constructed response test will be given for the math test.
 - If this test is given in a virtual setting, camera and mics will need to be on and used.

SSA ELA Assessments

Student Current Grade Level	Grade/ Course Requesting to Skip	Assessment used to Qualify	Assessment Format	Qualifying Criteria
Kindergarten	1 st Grade ELA Istation Test window is May 3- May 28	iStation	ISIP subtests in iStation	95th percentile or higher compared to end of year first grade performance and scoring proficient (level 4) on a writing prompt.
1st Grade	2 nd Grade ELA	Grade 2 Assessment	All assessments are for these grades have multiple choice and a written response.	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.
2nd Grade	3 rd Grade ELA	Grade 3 Assessment		
3rd Grade	4 th Grade ELA	Grade 4 Assessment		
4th Grade	5 th Grade ELA	Grade 5 Assessment		
5th Grade	6 th Grade ELA	Grade 6 Assessment		
6th Grade	7 th Grade ELA	Grade 7 Assessment		
7th Grade	8th Grade ELA	Grade 8 Assessment		

Looking Down the Road...ELA

Student Sequences for English Language Arts Single Subject Acceleration

Core High School English courses and a few English electives must be taken in sequential order. Selective universities expect to see four years of increasingly complex high school English study on applicants' transcripts. Students and families will want to plan accordingly.

2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027- 2028	2028- 2029
Grade 4	WCPPS Grade 6 online course	Virtual Academy Grade 7 ELA or Grade 7 ELA Face to Face at your middle school in 6th grade	Virtual Academy Grade 8 ELA or Grade 8 ELA Face to Face at your middle school in 7th grade	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Media Literacy (H) African American Literature (H) Speech I (H) Creative Writing I(H) Publications options: Newspaper or Yearbook Other electives 	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Leadership and Media (H) Creative Writing II (H) Speech II (H) 	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Shakespeare (H) Advanced Forensics and Debate (H) 	English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Advanced Research and Forensics (H)
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027- 2028
Grade 5	Virtual Academy Grade 7 ELA or Grade 7 ELA Face to Face at your middle school in 6th grade	Virtual Academy Grade 8 ELA or Grade 8 ELA Face to Face at your middle school in 7th grade	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Cultural Media Literacy (H) African American Literature (H) Speech I (H) Creative Writing I(H) Publications options: Newspaper or Yearbook Other electives 	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Leadership and Media (H) Creative Writing II (H) Speech II (H) 	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Shakespeare (H) Advanced Forensics and Debate (H) 	English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Advanced Research and Forensics (H) 	

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2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027		
Grade: 6	Virtual Academy Grade 8 ELA or 8 th Grade ELA Face-to- face at your middle school in 7 th grade	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) or English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above	English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.		
2020-21	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	<p><i>Once students have completed Grade 8 ELA courses, the succession of courses may vary and are contingent on the high school in which the student will be attending. Some courses may not be available and/or may be limited.</i></p> <p>Upper- level English courses include complex texts and mature thematic content. When making decisions regarding acceleration, students and parents are advised to consider the age and maturity in relation to the content of these courses.</p> <p>While students will be able to complete all basic graduation requirements in English prior to Grade 12, students and parents should be aware that most selective universities look for four years of increasingly complex high school English study on applicants' transcripts.</p>		
Grade: 7	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.	English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective See elective options above.			

SSA Math Assessments

Student Current Grade Level	Grade/ Course Requesting to Skip	Assessment used to Qualify	Assessment Format	Qualifying Criteria
Kindergarten	1 st Grade Math	1 st Grade NCDPI Summative Math Assessment	Individual constructed response tasks, created by NCDPI	Student receives a 3 (proficient) on each assessment task (will be reviewed by centralized team)
1st Grade	2 nd Grade Math	Grade 2 Assessment	Multiple choice <u>and</u> gridded response items with both calculator active and inactive sections.	≥80% correct on Acceleration Assessment
2nd Grade	3 rd Grade Math	Grade 3 Assessment		
3rd Grade	4 th Grade Math	Grade 4 Assessment		
4th Grade	5 th Grade Math	Grade 5 Assessment		
5th Grade	6 PLUS Math	6 PLUS Assessment		
6th Grade and 7th Grade	7 PLUS Math	7 PLUS Assessment		

Typical Math Trajectory

Middle School Math

Typical Student Sequences – *See Placement Guidelines to Determine Sequence*

Current Math Course 2020-2021	School Year			
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
5 th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
	Math 6	Math 7	Math 8	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
5 th Grade	Math 6 PLUS	Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 6	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
	Math 7	Math 8	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 6 PLUS	Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Compacted 6 PLUS /7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	
Math 7	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade
	Math 8	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	

Waiver Process

Different placement:

- Parents can request a higher or lower placement
- Process:
 - Complete [the waiver](#) form and return it to your current school principal.
- The principal reviews all waiver requests.
- For additional information please read the [Math Placement Guidelines](#)

Please direct additional questions about math placement to the school counselor, Ms. Parrish. lparrish@wcpss.net

*****Waivers cannot be submitted to SKIP courses. In order to SKIP courses, students must go through the Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) process.*****

SSA Math Trajectory

2020-21 Math Course	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
4th Grade (passes 5th grade math SSA tests)	6 Plus face to face Or online	7 Plus	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)
5th Grade (passes the 6+ math test)	7 Plus face to face	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 Honors (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)	
Math 6 (passes 7+ math test)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)		
6 Plus (passes 7+ math test)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 Honors (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)		
Math 7 (passes 7+ math test)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 Honors (for high school credit)			

SSA Results

- SSA contact will communicate results
- SSA services **will not** take place until the **next school year**

SSA Data of Students Tested in Math



Is my child a good candidate for SSA?

- ✓ Consider your child's social and emotional maturity.
- ✓ Your child may be taking classes with peers who may be older.
- ✓ Consider your child's organizational skills and ability to focus.
- ✓ Can your child begin or complete projects by themselves?

Is my child a good candidate for SSA?

- ✓ Your child will be skipping an entire year's worth of content and background knowledge. 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.

Parent Reflection

- Have I had conversations about the need for skipping a whole grade level content with my child's teacher?
- How is my child currently performing in the subject area where I might request acceleration?
- Have I considered what SSA might look like and mean for my child in future grades?
- Do all conversations and data indicate that my child has a need for skipping a year's worth of content in order to receive access to rigorous curriculum or challenging curriculum?

Summary

- Single Subject Acceleration is for Wake County Public Schools students in Kindergarten through 7 grade.
 - A student is not allowed to skip Math 1
- Complete the test request form by March 22, 2021.
- Students can test in one subject area only (reading or math)

Summary

- The 2nd grade-7th grade math assessment has multiple choice and open ended question types
 - First grade has individual constructed response items
- The ELA assessment has a written portion as well as multiple choice assessment.
- Consider how Single Subject Acceleration will affect your child's educational career for high school and college.



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Education is the passport to the
future, for tomorrow belongs to
those who prepare for it today.