

2020 Additional Acceleration (SSA) Test Request Form

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.
 - 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 in these courses. Though they are not self-paced, students work independently during their online lessons.
- ✓ In order to ensure your child receives the classes in the area where SSA is taking place, it may result in schedule adjustments where recess, lunch and/or specials may be with different grade levels or classes than what is assigned.
- ✓ If you have any school related questions or concerns, please communicate with the SSA Contact at your child's school to discuss this request.

Additional Acceleration Assessment Information

Additional Acceleration Assessment will **only** be given to students who are already being accelerated by one grade level. By having students accelerated again, the student will be receiving content two grade level above their assigned grade level. This may result in online learning to access advanced curriculum.

Additional Acceleration assessment will be administered to establish mastery of the foundational skills and content this course /subject requires.

Specifically:

- ★ Students have **one attempt** at the exams.
- ★ 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](#)

- ★ 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 questions/standards missed available.
- ★ All decisions are final; 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).
- ★ Assessment for Additional Acceleration in the Same Content area will include two assessments that are administered during the SSA Testing Window for the child's calendar.
 - Students will be assessed on the current course they are participating in and the course they are looking to skip. Both assessments will be administered to students during the SSA testing window.
 - These **above grade level comprehensive** assessments will establish mastery of the foundational skills. Moving at this fast pace, there is a potential for significant math gaps, so the criteria for this type of acceleration is rigorous.
- ★ If all of the below criteria is not met, an additional year of acceleration is not an option.
 - Has a 3 or 4 OR A or B on each quarter in the accelerated class
 - Receive an 80% on the the Acceleration Assessment for the course they are currently being accelerated
 - Receive an 80% on the Acceleration Assessment for the additional course a student is looking to skip.

Test Request Deadlines and Testing Windows:
 Test requests will only be accepted during the Test Request Submission dates below

Test Request Deadlines

Test Requests must be submitted during your school's calendar deadline.

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| Leadership Academies: Feb. 24-28 | Modified Calendar Feb. 24-28 |
| Year Round Track 1: Feb. 24-28 | Year Round Tracks 2, 3, 4: March 23-27 |
| Barwell ES, Fox & Walnut Creek ES: March 16-20 | Traditional Calendar: March 23-27 |

Testing Windows

During your school's calendar window, students will be tested. No test requests will be accepted.

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| Leadership Academies: April 6-21 | Modified Calendar: April 1-15 |
| Year Round Tracks 1-3: April 13-23 | Year Round Track 4: April 28-May 8 |
| Barwell ES, Fox Rd ES & Walnut Creek ES: May 11-27 | Traditional Calendar: April 20-30 |

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Return the below section of this form to the school before the test request window closes.

STUDENT INFORMATION

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| Student Name: | | Current Grade: | |
| Homeroom Teacher's name: | | Track (Year-round calendar schools only): | |
| School Name: | | Student ID Number: | |
| Parent/Guardian: | | Phone Number: | |
| Parent Email: | | | |

I am requesting my child to be tested for Additional Acceleration in the following area:

Math OR English Language Arts

A student may only be additionally accelerated in *ONE* subject.

Schools will **not** be able to accept Test Request forms if more than one area is checked.

Signatures: If the parent signature is missing on this form, the school will not consider this request complete and will not take the next steps for considering your child for additional acceleration.

I understand all the above information and agree to abide by the process defined above. If my child qualifies, I understand that additional acceleration services will not begin until the 2020-2021 school year begins.

Parent signature/date below:

Student signature/date below: