2020 Single Subject 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.
  - 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 an above grade level comprehensive examination to establish mastery of the foundational skills and content this course /subject requires.
Specifically:

- ✔ A Kindergarten student looking to skip first grade math, the student must receive a level 3 on each of the individual constructed response tasks without assistance.
- ✔ A Kindergarten student looking to skip first grade ELA, the student must receive an mCLASS TRC Level K with a score of 3 on both written comprehension questions without assistance for both fiction and nonfiction text.
- ✔ A 1st-7th 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
- ✔ 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 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.

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.

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 & Walnut Creek ES: May 11-27	Traditional Calendar: April 20-30

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

2020 Single Subject (SSA) Test Request Form:
Return the below section of this form to the school before the test request window closes.

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

Parent signature/date below:	Student signature/date below: