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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 through 7th grade students
- Requests for SSA testing comes from parents

SSA Process from Test Request to Results

Test Request

Parent fills out the [2023-24 Test Request Form: Traditional Calendar and Year-Round Track 2](#) between **April 1 - April 12th at 4:00pm**. Paper option is available in front office but google form preferred.

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

Testing

All students (Except Kindergarten) test on a computer while **in the school building** during the *Testing Window* (**April 22 - May 6**).



Schools wait for final results from Advance Learning Services.

Results

Schools share results with parents.



Results will be used to plan instruction for the following school year.

Request and Testing Windows

SSA Test Request Windows

Leadership Academies: Feb. 21 - Mar. 5	Modified: Feb. 21 - Mar. 5
Year Round Tracks 1 and 3: Feb. 21 - Mar. 5	Year Round Track 4: Mar. 11 - Mar. 22
Year Round Track 2: Apr. 1 - Apr. 12	Traditional: Apr. 1 - Apr. 12

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

Testing Windows

Leadership Academies, Modified, YR Tracks 1 and 3: April 1 - April 12
Traditional, YR Tracks 2 and 4: April 22 - May 6

Test Request Form



WCPSS SSA Spring Testing Request - Traditional and Year-Round Track 2

The SSA Test Requests form for Traditional and Year-Round Track 2 will open April 1, 2024 at 8 am. Please check this form at that time. It will close at 5 pm on April 12, 2024. Thank you!



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A screenshot of the WCPSS website navigation menu. The menu includes links for HOME, OUR SCHOOL, MAGNET, ACADEMICS AND PROGRAMS (highlighted), STUDENTS, and FAMILIES. Below the menu, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Academics and Programs > Single Subject Acceleration. The main heading is "Single Subject Acceleration". Below this, there is a sub-heading "Single Subject Acceleration" and a paragraph: "SSA allows students to show mastery of content in select elementary or middle school courses. Students who prove mastery do not have to take the course and may move on to the next level."



Spring 2024 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 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.

Is your 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?
- ✓ 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.

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:

- ✓ Kindergarten students testing to skip first grade math, the student must receive a proficient score on each of the individual constructed response tasks without assistance.
- ✓ Kindergarten students testing to skip first grade ELA, will be assessed using iClass and a written prompt.
- ✓ 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 **285% correct** on the Acceleration Assessment **AND** score proficient (**level 4**) on a scored writing prompt for elementary school. Middle school students must score proficient (**level 3**) on a writing prompt.
- ✓ Prior to SSA tests, 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 with the exception of the 1st grade Math SSA test.
- ✓ All SSA testing will be administered in the building where the student is enrolled according to Powerschools.
- ✓ Acceleration Assessments for grades 2-7 will be reported as percent correct.
- ✓ Due to test security, specific items on any Acceleration Assessment Test will not be reviewed.
- ✓ 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 2025 for the next school year (2025-2026).

Spring SSA 2024

December 2023



SSA and ELA

Test Format and Criteria for Qualification

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	MClass	An in-person written response assessment.	MClass Maze score of 14.5 and proficient (level 4) on written response.
1st Grade	2 nd Grade ELA	Grade 2 Assessment	<p>All assessments for students that are in grades 1st - 7th are multiple choice with a written response. Written responses are unlocked with a score of 85%</p>	<p>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.</p>
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		

SSA Testing - Elementary School ELA Example

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 ELA assessment multiple choice if score 85% then take part 2 written response must score proficient level 4.
- If a 3rd grade student passes the ELA assessments, the student will attend an 5th grade ELA class for ELA in grade 4.

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.

Current Year	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Current Grade: 4 SSA: 5th Grade ELA	WCPSS Grade 6 online asynchronous course	Grade 7 ELA Face-to-face at your middle school	Grade 8 ELA Face-to-face at your middle school	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) or 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 (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 (offerings vary by school): <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: (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Shakespeare (H) Advanced Forensics and Debate (H) 	English IV or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Advanced Research and Forensics (H)
Current Year	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year	
Current Grade: 5 SSA: 6th Grade ELA	Grade 7 ELA Face-to-face at your middle school	Grade 8 ELA Face-to-face at your middle school	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) or 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 (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 (offerings vary by school): <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: (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Shakespeare (H) Advanced Forensics and Debate (H) 	English IV or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All electives previously listed Advanced Research and Forensics (H) 	

SSA ELA Trajectory

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Current Year	7th Grade	8th Grade	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Current Grade: 6 SSA: 7th Grade ELA	Grade 8 ELA Face-to-face at your middle school	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) or English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English IV or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)
Current Year	8th Grade	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year	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.
Current Grade: 7 SSA 8th Grade ELA	English I (NCVPS) or Creative Writing (NCVPS)	English I (H) or English II (H) or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English II (H) or English III (H) or AP Language & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English III (H) or AP Language & Composition or English IV (H) or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	English IV or AP Literature & Composition and/or (H) Critical Thinking Elective: (offerings vary by school) (see elective options on the previous slide)	

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.

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.



SSA and Math

Test format and qualifying criteria

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 and 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		

SSA Testing - Elementary Math Example

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 assessment for SSA
- If mastery is shown on the SSA assessment for 4th grade Math, the third grader will take the fifth grade Math course during their fourth grade year

SSA Math Trajectory

Current Math Course	Next Math Course in Sequence	Next Math Course in Sequence	Next Math Course in Sequence	Next Math Course in Sequence	Next Math Course in Sequence
4th Grade Math (SSA: 5th Grade Math)	Math 6+ (face-to-face OR asynchronous)	Math 7+ (face-to-face)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)
5th Grade Math (SSA: Math 6+)	Math 7+ (face-to-face)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)	
Math 6 (SSA: Math 7+)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 (for high school credit)	NC Math 3 Honors (for high school credit)		
Math 6+ (SSA: Math 7+)	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 (SSA: Math 7+)	NC Math 1 (for high school credit)	NC Math 2 Honors (for high school credit)			

Math Sequence Options

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4
A	Foundations of NC Math 1 (NC Math 1A)	NC Math 1B	Foundations of NC Math 2	NC Math 2	Foundations of NC Math 3	NC Math 3	NC Math 4
B	NC Math 1		NC Math 2		NC Math 3		NC Math 4
C	NC Math 1		NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		NC Math 4 (Honors) Or Precalculus And/Or AP Statistics
D	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		Precalculus (Honors)** or NC Math 4 (Honors)**		AP Statistics And/or Discrete Math for CS (Honors)
E	Math Plus (Honors)	NC Math 2 (Honors)	NC Math 3 (Honors)		Precalculus (Honors)		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
F	NC Math 2 (Honors)		NC Math 3 (Honors)		Precalculus (Honors)		AP Calculus AB/BC and/or AP Statistics*
G	NC Math 3 (Honors)		Precalculus (Honors)		AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC	Math Analysis and/or AP Statistics*

Waiver Process

Different placement:

- Parents can request a higher or lower placement (this is for middle school math for taking math plus or doubling up.)
- *****Waivers cannot be submitted to SKIP courses. In order to SKIP courses, students must go through the Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) process.*****
- 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.

SSA Results

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



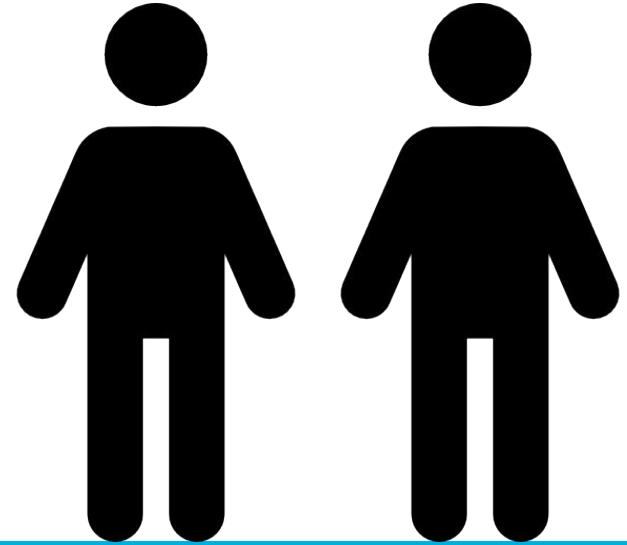
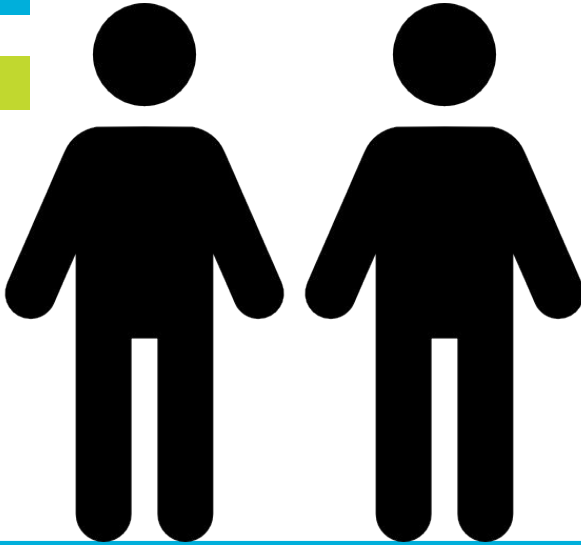
SSA Considerations and Reflections

What are the implications of SSA and what is best for your child?

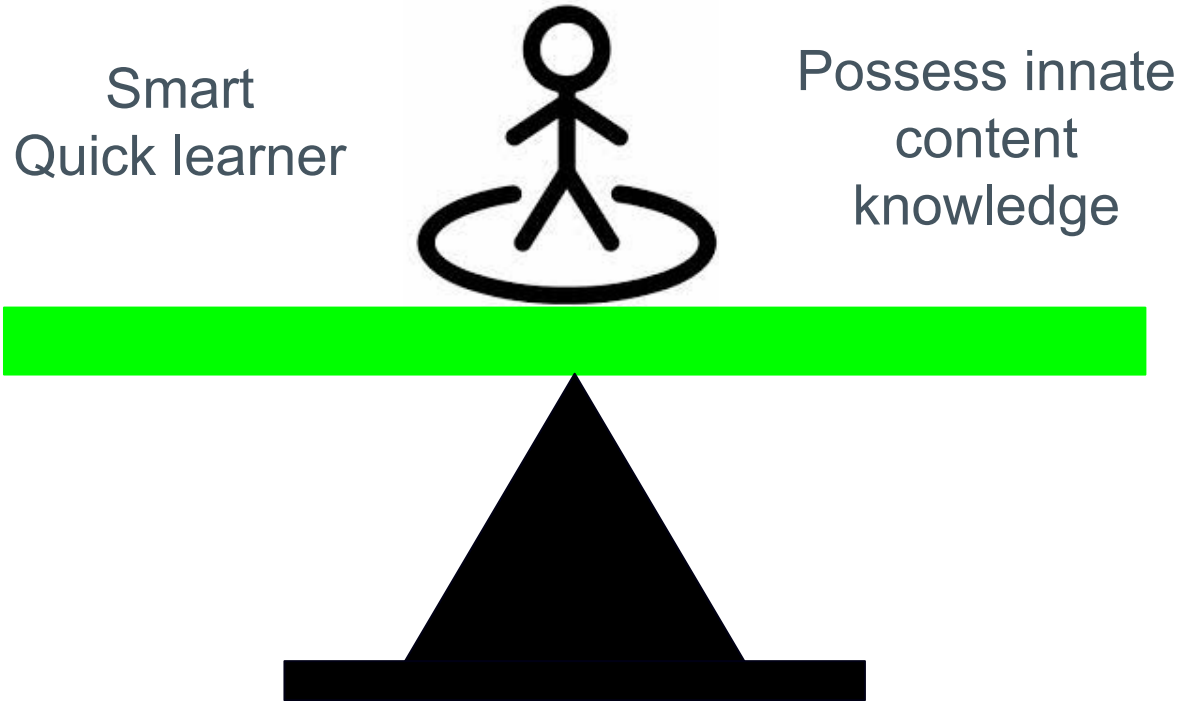
SSA - Is it the right fit for my child?



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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 7th grade.
- A student is not allowed to skip Math 1 through the SSA program. Math 1 would be part of the CDM process.
- Complete the [test request google form on the Fuller Website](#) under [academics and SSA](#) by the end of the test request window assigned to your child's school. traditional: Apr. 1 - Apr. 12
- Students can test in **one subject area only (ELA or math)**

Summary

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

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This presentation can be found in an email from Mr. Hernandez. It will also be posted on the Fuller website under Academics under SSA.