

Spring 2022 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 looking to skip first grade math, the student must receive a proficient score on each of the individual constructed response tasks without assistance.
- ✓ Kindergarten students looking to skip first grade ELA, will be assessed using MClass 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 **≥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 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 2023 for the next school year (2023-2024).

Test Request Deadlines and Testing Windows

Test Request Deadlines

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

Leadership Academies: Feb. 21-25	Modified Calendar Feb. 21-25
Year Round Track 1: Feb. 21-25	Year Round Tracks 2, 3, 4: March 21-25
Barwell ES, Fox & Walnut Creek ES: March 14-18	Traditional Calendar: March 21-25

Testing Windows

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

Leadership Academies: March 28-April 11	Modified Calendar: April 4-19
Year Round Tracks 1-3: April 4-19	Year Round Track 4: April 18-May 3
Barwell ES, Fox & Walnut Creek ES: May 9-23	Traditional Calendar: April 18-May 3

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.

Your request for testing must be documented and provided to the AIG Teacher. The request must clearly indicate which **ONE subject** you wish 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.