1. Should we speak to the teacher to see what SSA test they'd recommend the student to try?

Yes, please look at your child's grades and also talk with your child's teacher to see if SSA is a good fit for your child.

- Is it possible for my child to take the SSA test to determine if he can pass the SSA test without being enrolled in the SSA program?
   Any student in kindergarten through 7th grade is eligible to take the SSA test.
- 3. What is the difference between AIG and SSA?

  AIG is a service provided by the AIG teacher. AIG screening begins in 3rd grade with the administration of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all 3rd graders in the district. Students can qualify for AIG and receive services in reading or math or both subjects. For the service the AIG teacher provides differentiated instruction based on student needs and also provides extension opportunities that go above and beyond the regular classroom curriculum.

SSA stands for Single Subject Acceleration. SSA is not taught by the AIG teacher. If a student passes the SSA test (which means the student has demonstrated mastery of the next grade level curriculum), for services the student is taught by the regular classroom teacher of the next grade level for the one subject. Students can participate in SSA in one subject only.