

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA)

Process Flowchart



Family Considerations for SSA Advancement

It is important that each student understands the SSA process and its implications for their future coursework. Here are some items to consider should they meet the SSA Test score requirements:

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 placement.

If your child qualifies for SSA placement in Math or ELA in elementary or middle school, some courses take place online asynchronously. Students participate independently in these online courses during the school day.

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.

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?

Student/Parent Expresses Interest in the SSA Process

Students/Parents will express interest formally by completing the SSA Test Request Form and returning it to the SSA contact within their school.

This typically happens in February and March. Specific dates can be found on the WCPSS website.

SSA Testing

SSA tests are administered for Math or English Language Arts and are in the form of a computer based, multiple choice format.

SSA testing occurs in April or May depending on the school's calendar.

Student Does Not Show Proficiency on SSA Test

When a student does not meet the minimum score requirement on the SSA test, the student will remain on the current course progression. Results are available one week after the testing window closes.

Student Shows Proficiency on SSA Test

When a student meets or exceeds the minimum score requirement on the SSA test, the student will be placed in the appropriate level at the start of the following school year. Results are available one week after the testing window closes.