



## Overview

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic schools were forced to close March 13, 2020. The closure of school prevented students from participating in the testing necessary to qualify for Single Subject Acceleration (SSA). Students are typically tested in the Spring of the previous school year for an accelerated placement for the upcoming school year. As a result of COVID-19, the Advanced Learning Service team has created testing plans to respond to the three instructional environments that may take place during the 2020-2021 school year.

## Nomination Window

Schools may open their nomination window immediately. It will close on the 10th day of school. This also applies to schools where the nomination window had already closed. Please communicate information to parents about SSA and accept nominations now and then again at the beginning of the school year. Our hope is that opening the nomination window now will allow schools to anticipate school structure/schedule needs for 2020-2021.

## Assessing Students for Participation

The information below provides schools with an overview of how we will implement the assessment of students to determine if they meet the criteria for participating in SSA. Below you will find two options for Single Subject Acceleration that will apply only to students who were unable to participate in the 2019 Spring testing.

### **Plan A: Minimal Social Distancing**

2019-2020 Test Requests already collected will still be valid and these students will be tested in the fall of 2020. Families will also have the option to request SSA testing within the 1<sup>st</sup> ten-days of the 2020-2021 school. All students whose parents requested Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) will be assessed within the first 30 days of the instructional calendar. Testing will occur between the 11<sup>th</sup> & the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school. Students meeting the scoring qualification will be placed in the accelerated course no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> week of school. Schedule changes and adjustments are at the discretion of the Principal.

### **Plan B: Blended Learning**

2019-2020 Test Requests already collected will still be valid and these students will be tested in the fall of 2020. Families will also have the option to request SSA testing within the 1<sup>st</sup> ten-days once the buildings are open. All students whose parents requested Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) will be assessed within the first 30 days that the buildings are open. Testing will occur between the 11<sup>th</sup> & the 30<sup>th</sup> day of schools being open. Students meeting the scoring qualification will be placed in the accelerated course no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> week in the building. Schedule changes and adjustments are at the discretion of the Principal.

### **Plan C: Remote Learning**

**All SSA testing for this option will take place online.** This plan will apply to all school calendar types. 2019-2020 Test Requests already collected will still be valid and these students will be tested in the fall of 2020. Families will also have the option to request SSA testing within the 1<sup>st</sup> ten-days of the 2020-2021 school. All students whose parents requested Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) will be assessed within the first 30 days of remote learning. Testing will occur between the 11<sup>th</sup> & the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school. Students meeting the scoring qualification will be placed in the accelerated course no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> week of school. Schedule changes and adjustments are at the discretion of the Principal.

## Questions?

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