

St. Junipero Serra Catholic School

Academic Placement for English Language Arts & Math

Shaping the learning environment to consistently promote high achievement of all students

The academic placement procedure and policies reflect the diligence and collaboration of the St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Curriculum Committee, Parent Curriculum Committee, administration, and faculty.

Initial Screening Criteria

ELA Screening Criteria

- Average of Trimesters 2 and 3 grades
- * **3rd trimester average as of May 31, 2019**
- Standards benchmark test(s)
- Spring Renaissance STAR score
- Current placement
- Academic team recommendation

Math Screening Criteria

- Average of Trimesters 2 and 3 grades
- * **3rd trimester average as of May 31, 2019**
- *Simple Solutions* posttest
- Standards benchmark test(s)
- Spring Renaissance STAR score
- Spring fact fluency score
- Current placement
- Academic team recommendation

Please Note: Value points (1-4) are assigned to scale, percentage, and percentile scores.

ELA and Math Courses

- Small Group (A small-group learning environment. Maximum of 10 students.) *
- Leveled
- Advanced ♦
- Advanced+ (Class size is limited to 20 students.) *

ELA and Math curriculums are aligned to the grade-level Common Core State Standards for all courses. All courses are differentiated to meet the diverse needs of all learners and include remediation and enrichment. Advanced and Advanced+ will typically enrich curriculum with deeper critical thinking and application skills.

* Offered in grades 1-8

♦ Offered in grades 3-8 (Grades 1 & 2 differentiate within the classroom and do not have designated Leveled and Advanced courses.)

Subsequent Screening Criteria (ELA and Math)

- Students who score **4.0** in all criteria will be placed in Advanced+.
- Students who score **2.8 on the rubric** and above may be further assessed for Advanced+ and Advanced courses.
- Current students and students who score **1.5** and below will be further assessed for Small Group classes.

Please Note: Screening criteria does not apply to incoming 1st grade students. Students are assessed for placement within the classroom during the first month of school.

Renaissance STAR Retesting Policy

The Renaissance Star spring score will be the only STAR score used in the placement rubric as the STAR assessment is adaptive and cumulative. Any student whose **May** score falls below his or her winter **Percentile Rank Range** will have the opportunity to be retested, and the higher of the two spring scores will be used for placement.

