

# 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.

