

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 grade as of June 11, 2021**
- Standards benchmark post test(s)
- Spring Renaissance STAR score
- Current placement
- Academic team recommendation

Math Screening Criteria

- Average of Trimesters 2 and 3 grades
- * **3rd trimester grade as of June 11, 2021**
- *Simple Solutions* posttest
- Standards benchmark assessment(s)
- Spring Renaissance STAR score
- Current placement
- Academic team recommendation

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

Subsequent Screening Criteria

(ELA and Math)

- Students who score **4.0** in all criteria will be placed in Advanced+.
- Students may be further assessed for Advanced+, Advanced, and Small Group courses.

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.

ELA and Math Courses

- Small Group (A small-group learning environment.) *
- Leveled
- Advanced ♦
- Advanced+ *

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+ typically enrich curriculum with deeper critical thinking and application.

* Offered in grades 1-8

♦ Offered in grades 3-8

