



St. Serra Catholic School

Academic Placement for English Language Arts & Math

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

ELA and Math Courses | Grades 3-8

- Small Group
- Leveled
- Advanced
- Advanced Plus

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 Plus classes dive deeper into the curriculum to provide advanced critical thinking and application.

Placement Rubric Criteria

- Average of 2nd and 3rd Trimester grades
- Standards benchmark assessments(s)**
- Spring Renaissance STAR score
- Current placement

**These assessment dates will be announced within the individual ELA and Math classes.

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. All retests are at the discretion of the administration.

Important to Note

- This placement is to begin the school year. Placement is fluid and changes can be made if data supports the need for a change in placement.
- All new students will be placed in leveled classes to start the school year. Students are assessed for appropriate placement within the classroom during the first several weeks of school.