
PARENT GUIDE TO TRANSITIONAL 9TH GRADE (T9)

This past spring, your child took the 8th grade LEAP. Transitional 9th grade (T9) was created in 2014-2015 to allow some 8th grade students who are not on track to pass the LEAP to continue their education on a high school campus, rather than being retained in middle school.

If your child does not meet the LEAP's promotional standards, his or her school will make a decision on whether or not he or she should remain in 8th grade or be promoted to T9. This decision will be based on factors such as academic performance during the school year and attendance at post-LEAP remediation sessions.

This document is being shared with all 8th grade parents to inform them about Transitional 9th grade. Below is a list of five frequently asked questions that will help all parents better understand Transitional 9th grade.

TRANSITIONAL 9TH GRADE • FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 • CAN MY CHILD STILL BE PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL IF HE OR SHE DOES NOT PASS THE LEAP?

Even if your child does not earn a score of "Basic" or above on both the math and English portion on the 8th grade state assessments, he or she can still be promoted to Transitional 9th grade on a high school campus.

In order to be promoted to "T9," the student must receive remediation by the school in the subject(s) he or she failed on the LEAP. Students who do not complete the school's remediation requirements or do not meet other school requirements for promotion will repeat the 8th grade.

2 • WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT T9?

Transitional 9th grade allows students who fail the 8th grade LEAP to continue on to high school and receive additional academic support as they begin high school. Here are some important facts about T9:

- » 8th grade students must complete the school's remediation program to be promoted to T9.
- » T9 students attend high school classes.
- » T9 students can take part in high school activities (band, sports, etc).
- » T9 students receive extra academic support and class time in the subject area(s) they failed on the 8th grade LEAP.
- » After completing T9, a student can either be promoted to 9th or 10th grade. Whether the student is placed in 9th or 10th is dependent on the number of credits the student has earned during their T9 year. Some T9 students will take 5 years to graduate from high school while others will graduate in 4 years based on the number of credits earned during the T9 year.

3 • WHY IS MY CHILD BEING PLACED IN T9?

According to state policy, students who do not earn "Basic" in both subjects are not eligible for standard 9th grade. In previous years, students who did not score "Basic" or above on the LEAP would be required to repeat 8th grade on a middle school campus—T9 now gives these students an opportunity to attend high school with their peers.

4 • DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO ATTEND REMEDIATION TO BE PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL?

Yes. If a student does not score "Basic" or above on both the math and English state assessments, he or she is required to attend remediation to be promoted to T9. If a student does not complete remediation, the student will have to repeat the 8th grade. Remediation can be during school hours, after school, or over the summer, depending on when your child's school chooses to offer it.

5 • WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS PROMOTED?

Schools will make all final promotion decisions after summer school is complete. Students that do not complete the required 50 hours of remediation cannot be promoted to a high school campus. It is important to ensure that your child attends all required remediation sessions, both during and after school and over the summer.

T9 DETERMINATION PROCESS TIMELINE

