

Why T9 Is Important for Students:

Prior to the 2014-15 school year, nearly 40% of Louisiana students retained in the 8th grade never entered high school. In response, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) developed Transitional 9th Grade (T9) to allow students who would have been retained in 8th grade to move to a high school campus and receive targeted academic remediation.

Only middle schools can assign students to Transitional 9th grade. **Middle schools that participate in OneApp must indicate the students that will be promoted into T9 in EnrollNOLA’s system by Wednesday, June 8th.** This document outlines the actions a middle school counselor needs to take to promote an 8th grade student within EnrollNOLA.

Receiving high schools are responsible for ensuring the success of all T9 students as they progress toward graduation. As part of this responsibility, **high schools are required to enter information at the end of the school year to indicate whether individual T9 students will be moving on to 9th or 10th grade.**

Promoting Current 8th Grade Students to 9th Grade:

When promoting current 8th grade students to standard 9th grade, the school does not need to take any action. The student’s “Current SY Promotion Decision” will be automatically set to “Promoted” and that will indicate to EnrollNOLA that they need a standard 9th grade assignment for the next year. Please note that in the image below, the “Rising T9” field is left unchecked.

▼ Educational History (Previous, Current, and Future)

Previous School Code	Previous School Admit Code
Previous School	Previous School Admit Date
Previous Grade	Previous School Discharge Code
	Previous School Discharge Date
School Code 11991	Current School Admit Code E1: Original enrollment within a district
School OneApp Choice Academy	Current School Admit Date 8/10/2015
Current Grade 8	Current School Discharge Code
First Day of Attendance 8/10/2015	Current School Discharge Date
Current SY Promotion Decision Promoted	Current T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments	
Future School Code	Rising T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School	New Match <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade	OPSB Dual Registration <input type="checkbox"/>

Promoting Current 8th Grade Students to Transitional 9th Grade:

Only those 8th grade students who fail the ELA or Math portion of the LEAP are eligible for promotion to Transitional 9th grade. For these students, the “Rising T9” box should be checked and the “Current SY Promotion Decision” should still be “Promoted,” as pictured on the next page. **Transitional 9th grade should be the default option for students who fail the 8th grade assessment,** and schools should only retain a student in 8th grade if the SBLC determines it is the appropriate placement or if the student did not take the 8th grade assessment or is unlikely to complete summer remediation. Please note that in the image on the subsequent page, the “Rising T9” field is checked.

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School OneApp Choice Academy	Current School Admit Date 8/10/2015
Current Grade 8	Current School Discharge Code
First Day of Attendance 8/10/2015	Current School Discharge Date
Current SY Promotion Decision Promoted	Current T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments	
Future School Code	Rising T9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Future School	New Match <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade	OPSB Dual Registration <input type="checkbox"/>

Retaining a Current 8th Grade Student in 8th Grade:

If a student is an 8th grader being retained in the 8th grade due to a decision of the SBLC, their promotion status should be entered into EnrollNOLA as “Retained” and the “Rising T9” checkbox will be unchecked. This is the standard way to indicate retention in all grades. The record should look like the record pictured below. Please note the “Rising T9” box is unchecked.

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Previous School Code	Previous School Admit Code
Previous School	Previous School Admit Date
Previous Grade	Previous School Discharge Code
	Previous School Discharge Date
School Code 11991	Current School Admit Code E1: Original enrollment within a district
School OneApp Choice Academy	Current School Admit Date 8/10/2015
Current Grade 8	Current School Discharge Code
First Day of Attendance 8/10/2015	Current School Discharge Date
Current SY Promotion Decision Retained	Current T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments	
Future School Code	Rising T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School	New Match <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade	OPSB Dual Registration <input type="checkbox"/>

Recommendations for Current 8th Grade Students in Summer Remediation:

Given that the deadline to enter promotion information is June 8th, all schools may not have completed the requirements considered for T9 when making promotion decisions. However, schools are still required to enter a promotion decision by this date, as EnrollNOLA needs the information to process the Round 2 match. **If June 8th arrives and a school is not yet sure whether a student will be promoted to T9 or remain in 8th grade, schools should enter that the student will be promoted to Transitional 9th grade.**

All students who are required to complete summer remediation should be entered as “Rising T9” (checked) students. If the students do not end up completing summer remediation, the school should communicate retention decisions to EnrollNOLA after remediation is complete.

Promoting Current T9 students to 9th Grade in EnrollNOLA:

The default promotional decision for T9 students is to move them directly into traditional 9th grade the following year. However, schools may elect to promote certain students directly to 10th grade if a T9 student earns the proper number of credits listed in the school's Pupil Progression Plan.

Students will be identified as T9 in EnrollNOLA based on the decision of their sending middle school. At the conclusion of the T9 school year, the "Current SY Promotion Decision" for all T9 students will be defaulted to "Retained" and the "Current T9" box will be checked. **If a current T9 student will be promoted to 9th grade, your school does not have to update the default status**, and the student's record should match the highlighted information in the image below.

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Previous School Code		Previous School Admit Code	
Previous School		Previous School Admit Date	
Previous Grade		Previous School Discharge Code	
		Previous School Discharge Date	
School Code	11991	Current School Admit Code	E1: Original enrollment within a district
School	OneApp Choice High School	Current School Admit Date	8/10/2015
Current Grade	9	Current School Discharge Code	
First Day of Attendance	8/10/2015	Current School Discharge Date	
Current SY Promotion Decision	Retained	Current T9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments			
Future School Code		Rising T9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future School		New Match	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade		OPSB Dual Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>

Promoting Current T9 Students to 10th Grade in EnrollNOLA:

If a current T9 student earns enough credits to be considered a 10th grader by your school's Pupil Progression Plan and will be promoted to the 10th grade, counselors must update the "Current SY Promotion Decision" in EnrollNOLA to "Promoted." The "Current T9" field will remain checked. The record should reflect the image on the following page.

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Previous School Code		Previous School Admit Code	
Previous School		Previous School Admit Date	
Previous Grade		Previous School Discharge Code	
		Previous School Discharge Date	
School Code	11991	Current School Admit Code	E1: Original enrollment within a district
School	OneApp Choice High School	Current School Admit Date	8/10/2015
Current Grade	9	Current School Discharge Code	
First Day of Attendance	8/10/2015	Current School Discharge Date	
Current SY Promotion Decision	Promoted	Current T9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments			
Future School Code		Rising T9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future School		New Match	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade		OPSB Dual Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>

Entering Current T9 Student Promotion Decisions Before the Round 2 Match:

Schools should update the status of their Transitional 9th grade students in EnrollNOLA by June 8th so that the EnrollNOLA team can assign students to the correct grade during the Round 2 match.

Schools that have not made promotion decisions by the June 8th deadline should update the records in EnrollNOLA based on their best projection of whether or not the student will receive enough credits to be promoted to 10th grade. If schools cannot make a projection confidently, they should follow the default promotion decision and list the student as “retained,” thus placing the student in standard 9th grade the following year.

If a school changes a promotional decision for a former T9 student after the Round 2 match on June 8th, a relevant staff member should reach out to the EnrollNOLA team to communicate the change.