

EnrollNOLA T9 Guidance for Middle School Counselors

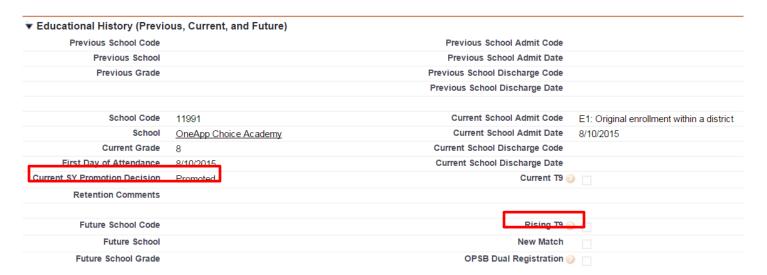
Why T9 Is Important for Students:

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.

Promoting 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.



Promoting 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.

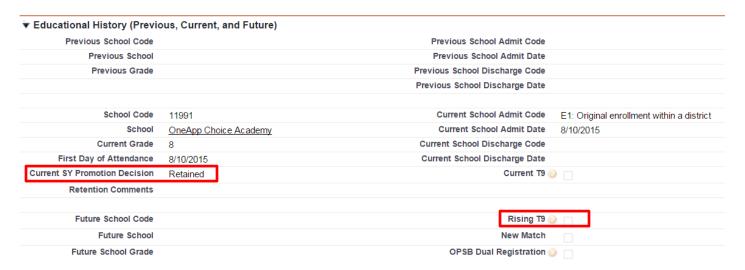


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| ▼ Educational History (Previ | ous, Current, and Future) | | |
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| Previous School Code | | Previous School Admit Code | |
| Previous School | | Previous School Admit Date | |
| Previous Grade | | Previous School Discharge Code | |
| | | Previous School Discharge Date | |
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| 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 🕝 | |
| Retention Comments | | | |
| | | | |
| Future School Code | | Rising T9 📀 | ✓ |
| Future School | | New Match | |
| Future School Grade | | OPSB Dual Registration 🥝 | |

Retaining an 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.



Recommendations for Students in Summer Remediation:

Given that the deadline to enter promotion information is May 26th, 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 May 26th 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.