

**Why T9 Is Important for Students:**

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

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

**Promoting 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

When promoting current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to standard 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="#">OneApp Choice Academy</a>	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
<b>Current SY Promotion Decision Promoted</b>	Current T9 <input type="checkbox"/>
Retention Comments	
Future School Code	<b>Rising T9</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School	New Match <input type="checkbox"/>
Future School Grade	OPSB Dual Registration <input type="checkbox"/>

**Promoting 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Transitional 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Only those 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who fail the ELA or Math portion of the LEAP are eligible for promotion to Transitional 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade should be the default option for students who fail the 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessment,** and schools should only retain a student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade if the SBLC determines it is the appropriate placement or if the student did not take the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

▼ 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	Current School Admit Code
School	Current School Admit Date
Current Grade	Current School Discharge Code
First Day of Attendance	Current School Discharge Date
Current SY Promotion Decision	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 an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

If a student is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader being retained in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

▼ 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	Current School Admit Code
School	Current School Admit Date
Current Grade	Current School Discharge Code
First Day of Attendance	Current School Discharge Date
Current SY Promotion Decision	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 Students in Summer Remediation:

Given that the deadline to enter promotion information is May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> arrives and a school is not yet sure whether a student will be promoted to T9 or remain in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, schools should enter that the student will be promoted to Transitional 9<sup>th</sup> 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.