

Guidance for 15-Year-Old Students with IEPs in Elementary Districts

Quick Reference Guide

Core Policy

- Under [105 ILCS 5/14-6.01](#), when a student turns **15** in an elementary district, responsibility shifts to the **high school district**.
- This policy applies only to **elementary districts feeding into separate high school districts**, not unit districts.

Enrollment Changes

- On the day the student turns 15:
 - Update **SIS enrollment** to **Grade 9**.
 - Change **home school** to the high school in the high school district.
 - **Serving school** may remain the elementary school.

Testing Requirements

- **Grade 8:**
 - **DLM-AA** (ELA, math, science) *or*
 - **IAR** (ELA, math) and **ISA** (science)
- **Grade 9:**
 - **DLM-AA** (ELA, math, science) *or*
 - **PreACT 9 Secure** (ELA, math, science)

Key Scenarios

- If the student begins testing **before turning 15** →
 - finish the appropriate **Grade 8 assessment in all content areas**.
Please note: A student must have a Grade 8 enrollment to complete IAR/ISA testing. Once the enrollment is moved to Grade 9, the test will no longer be available for completion in the IAR/ISA platform.
- If the student turns 15 **before the first scheduled day of testing** →
 - take the appropriate **Grade 9 assessment in all content areas**.
- If the student turns 15 **during the testing window** and had not started any Grade 8 assessment →
 - take the appropriate **Grade 9 assessment in all content areas**.

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