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- A. 21 years
- B. 18 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 9 years

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Correct Answer: D (9 years)

Explanation:

Let the ages of the three boys be $3x$, $5x$, and $7x$, where x is a common factor.

According to the given information, the average age of the three boys is 15 years.

Average = (Sum of ages) / (Number of boys)

So, we have: $15 = (3x + 5x + 7x) / 3$

Now, we can solve for x :

$$15 = (15x) / 3$$

$$15 * 3 = 15x$$

$$45 = 15x$$

$$x = 3$$

Now, we can find the age of the youngest boy ($3x$):

$$\text{Youngest boy's age} = 3 * x = 3 * 3 = 9 \text{ years}$$

Therefore, the age of the youngest boy is 9 years, which corresponds to Option D.



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