

# News Release

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## 20 schools plan to participate in Racine voucher program

MADISON — The Department of Public Instruction received registrations from 20 private nonsectarian and religious schools by the Feb. 2 deadline, indicating their intent to accept students through the Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP) for the 2015-16 school year.

The list of schools registering to participate in the program includes five new schools that have met the initial requirements that allow them to begin accepting RPCP applications for voucher students. Three of the new schools are new to the RPCP and two currently participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

The RPCP allows students who reside in the Racine Unified School District and meet certain eligibility requirements to attend participating private or religious schools. The private school, on behalf of each student's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible choice student. Eligible students in grades kindergarten through eight may attend the private school with no charge for tuition. Eligible students in grades nine through 12 may be charged tuition if their family income exceeds 220 percent of the federal poverty level.

Students must reapply to the program each year; however, students continuing in the program do not have to meet the 300 percent of poverty level income limit. Parents who wish to enroll their children in a private or religious school participating in the RPCP next fall should apply using the online parent application available at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>.

When registering with the DPI, each participating school designates the number of seats available at each grade level and selects which open application period or periods it will accept student applications. Schools are limited to accepting applications only during that time. If the number of eligible student applications received during a specified open application period exceeds choice enrollment limits set by the school, the school must use a random selection process to determine

<b>Racine Parental Choice Program</b>	
Open Application Periods	
<b>2015-16</b>	
School Year	Feb 2 to Feb 20
	Mar 1 to Mar 20
	Apr 1 to Apr 20
	May 1 to May 20
	Jun 1 to Jun 20
	Jul 1 to Jul 20
	Aug 1 to Aug 20
	Sep 1 to Sep 14
Second Semester Only	Oct 1 to Oct 20
	Nov 1 to Nov 20
	Dec 1 to Jan 7

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which students will attend under the choice program. Choice schools must send written notification of students' acceptance or denial within 60 days of the application being submitted to the school.

A list of schools that plan to participate in the RPCP for the 2015-16 school year, including the schools' open application period or periods, follows. Schools marked with an asterisk (\*) will be new to the RPCP in fall 2015. Schools new to the program for fall must, by August 1, submit a certificate of occupancy and must obtain pre-accreditation.

The Wisconsin Legislature is currently considering the 2015-17 budget, which may make changes to Private School Choice Programs. Any changes for the 2015-16 school year will be implemented with the effective date of the new laws.

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**NOTE:** More information is available on the Department of Public Instruction's Private School Choice Programs website at [http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice\\_programs](http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice_programs). This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015\\_21.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_21.pdf).

# Racine Parental Choice Program

## Schools Registered to Participate – Open Application Periods

### 2015-16 School Year

**\* Academy of Excellence**

1236 West Pierce Street,  
3814 West North Avenue,  
1526 South 72nd Street,  
1854 West Windlake Avenue, and  
8519 South 13th Street  
Milwaukee, West Allis and Oak Creek WI 53204  
Administrator: Randy Melchert  
(414) 212-5321 Grades: K4-12  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**\* CERT School**

Location not yet determined  
Administrator: Christopher Litzau  
(262) 880-4811 Grades: 12  
Open Application Period(s): May June July Aug  
Sept Oct Nov Dec

**Concordia Lutheran School**

8500 Durand Avenue  
Sturtevant WI 53177  
Administrator: Jeannine Klein  
(262) 884-0991 Grades: K5-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar May June  
Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**EverGreen Academy**

3131 and 3554 Taylor Avenue  
Racine WI 53403  
Administrator: Grant Meier  
(262) 456-1079 Grades: K4-7  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**Friedens Lutheran School**

5043 20th Avenue  
Kenosha WI 53140  
Administrator: Matthew Oppermann  
(262) 652-3451 Grade: 1  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept

**\* HOPE Christian Schools: Via**

3502 Douglas Avenue  
Racine WI 53402  
Administrator: Ciji Pittman  
(414) 704-8014 Grades: K5-3  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**John Paul II Academy**

2023 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine WI 53404  
Administrator: Gloria Schumacher  
(262) 637-2012 Grades: K5-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Aug Dec

**Lutheran High School Association of Racine**

251 Luedtke Avenue  
Racine WI 53405  
Administrator: David Burgess  
(262) 637-6538 Grades: 9-12  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
July Aug Dec

**Our Lady of Grace Academy**

1435 Grove Avenue  
Racine WI 53405  
Administrator: Bruce Varick  
(262) 636-8040 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June Aug Sept Dec

**\* Providence Catholic School**

1481 172nd Avenue  
Union Grove WI 53182  
Administrator: Gregory Young  
(262) 859-2007 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May June

**Renaissance School**

6150 Taylor Avenue, 2224 30th Avenue, and  
10116 Stellar Avenue  
Racine, Kenosha, Sturtevant WI 53403  
Administrator: Richard Laabs  
(262) 554-6768 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept Dec

**Saint Catherine's High School**

1200 Park Avenue  
Racine WI 53403  
Administrator: Nancy Kost  
(262) 632-2785 Grades: 6-12  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Dec

**Saint John's Lutheran School**

510 Kewaunee Street  
Racine WI 53402  
Administrator: Janet Pesch  
(262) 633-2758 Grades: K4-6, 8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar May Aug  
Sept Dec

**Saint Joseph School**

1525 Erie Street  
Racine WI 53402  
Administrator: Joseph Majowski  
(262) 633-2403 Grades: K5-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Aug Dec

**Saint Matthew School**

9329 South Chicago Road  
Oak Creek WI 53154  
Administrator: Julianna Barber  
(414) 762-6820 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**Shoreland Lutheran High School**

9026 12th Street  
Somers WI 53171  
Administrator: Paul Scriver  
(262) 859-2595 Grades: 9-12  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr Dec

**Trinity Lutheran School**

7900 Nicholson Road  
Caledonia WI 53108  
Administrator: David Habeck  
(262) 835-4326 Grades: K5-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar June July  
Aug Dec

**Trinity Lutheran School**

2065 Geneva Street  
Racine WI 53402  
Administrator: Greg Hasseldahl  
(262) 632-1766 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar May  
Aug Dec

**Wisconsin Lutheran School**

734 Villa Street, 2920 Bate Street, and  
718 Grand Avenue  
Racine WI 53403  
Administrator: Paul Patterson  
(262) 633-7143 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Dec

**\* Zion Lutheran School**

N48W18700 Lisbon Road  
Menomonee Falls WI 53051  
Administrator: Jennifer Wolff  
(262) 781-7437 Grade: 1  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May  
June July Aug Sept Dec