

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2016-2017 As of October 2017

In January 2017 there were nineteen (19) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 2,444 students or 2,377.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* In the 2016-17 school year, the state aid for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP is \$7,323 (for students in grades K4-8), or \$7,969 (for students in grades 9-12).

Act 55 (Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget) changed the manner in which the RPCP is funded. Students that participated in the program prior to the 2015-16 school year will continue to be fully funded from state general purpose revenue.

Pupils who begin attending a private school under the RPCP in the 2015-16 school year and thereafter are referred to as “incoming pupils.” Racine Unified School District (RUSD) will have its state general aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount paid by the state to participating private schools attributable to the incoming pupils.

If RUSD does not receive an equalization aid payment sufficient to cover the incoming choice pupil aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aid received by the district. Incoming pupils in the RPCP are included in RUSD’s membership for state general aid purposes in the following year. The district may not levy to backfill the aid reduction. School districts receive a non-recurring revenue limit exemption equal to the number of FTE choice students multiplied by the current year revenue limit per student.

Table 1 shows the RPCP enrollment by grade level for the 3rd Friday in September 2016 and 2nd Friday in January 2017 count dates. The number of students listed in the table is reported by headcount and FTE. For example, a four-year-old kindergarten student may be counted as 0.5 or 0.6 FTE.

**TABLE 1
RPCP 2016-2017 Enrollment by Grade Level***

Grade Level	3rd Friday in September 2016		2nd Friday in January 2017	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	126	68.1	123	66.4
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	266	255.5	260	250.0
1st Grade	236	236.0	227	227.0
2nd Grade	253	253.0	244	244.0
3rd Grade	242	242.0	233	233.0
4th Grade	225	225.0	213	213.0
5th Grade	172	172.0	166	166.0
6th Grade	222	222.0	218	218.0
7th Grade	162	162.0	152	152.0
8th Grade	156	156.0	150	150.0
9th Grade	155	155.0	150	150.0
10th Grade	122	122.0	120	120.0
11th Grade	93	93.0	90	90.0
12th Grade	101	101.0	98	98.0
Totals	2,531	2,462.6	2,444	2,377.4

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Table 2 provides the total number of students in the RPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled in school in 2015-16.

TABLE 2
2016-17 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2015-2016 Enrollment	Headcount**	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School	1,889	74.63%	1,875.0	76.14%
Wisconsin Public School	449	17.74%	444.5	18.05%
No School	153	6.05%	104.0	4.22%
Homeschooled	37	1.46%	36.5	1.48%
Out of State	3	0.12%	2.6	0.11%
Totals	2,531	100%	2,462.6	100%

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** Of the 1,889 students enrolled in private school in 2015-16, 1,815 (1,806.7 FTE) participated in the RPCP.