

# RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

## RPCP Facts and Figures for 2019-20

In January 2020, there were twenty seven (27) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,514 students or 3,423.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.\* The 2019-20 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$8,046 and \$8,692 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve.

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.” State law requires Racine Unified School District (RUSD) to 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 residing in the district.

If RUSD does not receive general aid payments sufficient to cover the incoming choice pupil aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aids 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. However, RUSD receives a non-recurring revenue limit exemption equal to the general state aid reduction.

Table 1 shows the RPCP enrollment by grade level. 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 2019-20 Enrollment by Grade Level\***

<u>Grade Level</u>	<b>3rd Friday in September 2019</b>		<b>2nd Friday in January 2020</b>	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	205	113.0	201	110.7
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	291	291.0	279	279.0
1st Grade	338	338.0	325	325.0
2nd Grade	328	328.0	317	317.0
3rd Grade	291	291.0	284	284.0
4th Grade	265	265.0	258	258.0
5th Grade	320	320.0	302	302.0
6th Grade	312	312.0	297	297.0
7th Grade	318	318.0	301	301.0
8th Grade	272	272.0	257	257.0
9th Grade	222	222.0	218	218.0
10th Grade	190	190.0	185	185.0
11th Grade	179	179.0	177	177.0
12th Grade	118	118.0	113	113.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>3,557.0</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>3,423.7</b>

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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 2018-19.

**TABLE 2**  
**2019-20 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments\***

2018-19 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2019			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	2,809	76.98%	2,806.2	78.89%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	60	1.64%	60.0	1.69%
Wisconsin Public School	478	13.10%	478.0	13.44%
No School	247	6.77%	157.8	4.44%
Homeschooled	33	0.90%	33.0	0.93%
Out of State	22	0.60%	22.0	0.62%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,557.0</b>	<b>100%</b>

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\*\* Of the 60 students (60.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2018-19 as non-Choice students, 18 (18.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 7 students applied to first grade and 26 students applied to ninth grade for the 2019-20 school year, and the remaining 9 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.