

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2021-22 As of October 2021

In October 2021, there were twenty seven (27) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,940 students or 3,843.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2021-22 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$8,336 and \$8,982 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$32,700,000 in 2021-22.

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 2021-22 Enrollment by Grade Level*

<u>Grade Level</u>	3rd Friday in September 2021	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	214	117.7
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	295	294.5
1st Grade	336	336.0
2nd Grade	311	311.0
3rd Grade	336	336.0
4th Grade	329	329.0
5th Grade	316	316.0
6th Grade	297	297.0
7th Grade	329	329.0
8th Grade	295	295.0
9th Grade	284	284.0
10th Grade	241	241.0
11th Grade	181	181.0
12th Grade	176	176.0
Totals	3,940	3,843.2

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TABLE 2
2021-22 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2020-21 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2021			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,132	79.49%	3,130.2	81.45%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	55	1.40%	55.0	1.43%
Wisconsin Public School	345	8.76%	345.0	8.98%
No School	303	7.69%	208.0	5.41%
Homeschooled	87	2.21%	87.0	2.26%
Out of State	18	0.46%	18.0	0.47%
Totals	3,940	100%	3,843.2	100%

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** Of the 55 students (55.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2020-21 as non-Choice students, 19 (19.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 6 students applied to first grade and 24 students applied to ninth grade for the 2021-22 school year, and the remaining 6 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.