

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2022-23 As of October 2023

In January 2023, there were thirty one (31) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,831 students or 3,737.1 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2022-23 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$8,399 and \$9,045 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 2022-23 Enrollment by Grade Level*

<u>Grade Level</u>	3rd Friday in September 2022		2nd Friday in January 2023	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	215	119.7	209	116.1
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	317	316.5	313	312.0
1st Grade	310	310.0	301	301.0
2nd Grade	325	325.0	320	320.0
3rd Grade	299	299.0	292	292.0
4th Grade	328	328.0	324	324.0
5th Grade	326	326.0	317	317.0
6th Grade	330	330.0	320	320.0
7th Grade	291	291.0	282	282.0
8th Grade	299	299.0	289	289.0
9th Grade	278	278.0	272	272.0
10th Grade	244	244.0	233	233.0
11th Grade	201	201.0	195	195.0
12th Grade	172	172.0	164	164.0
Totals	3,935	3,839.2	3,831	3,737.1

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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 2021-22.*

TABLE 2
2022-23 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2021-22 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2022			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,219	81.80%	3,218.0	83.82%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	37	0.94%	37.0	0.96%
Wisconsin Public School	334	8.49%	333.5	8.69%
No School	267	6.79%	172.7	4.50%
Homeschooled	61	1.55%	61.0	1.59%
Out of State	17	0.43%	17.0	0.44%
Totals	3,935	100%	3,839.2	100%

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** Of the 37 students (37.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2021-22 as non-Choice students, 12 (12.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 7 students applied to first grade and 15 students applied to ninth grade for the 2022-23 school year, and the remaining 3 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.