

# RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

## RPCP Facts and Figures for 2023-24 As of October 2024

In January 2024, there were thirty five (35) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,897 students or 3,797.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.\* The 2023-24 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$9,893 and \$12,387 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 2023-24 Enrollment by Grade Level\*

<u>Grade Level</u>	<b>3rd Friday in September 2023</b>		<b>2nd Friday in January 2024</b>	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	233	130.6	224	125.4
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	291	290.0	283	282.0
1st Grade	341	341.0	330	330.0
2nd Grade	322	322.0	312	312.0
3rd Grade	320	320.0	312	312.0
4th Grade	307	307.0	299	299.0
5th Grade	330	330.0	321	321.0
6th Grade	341	341.0	329	329.0
7th Grade	321	321.0	304	304.0
8th Grade	277	277.0	265	265.0
9th Grade	288	288.0	276	276.0
10th Grade	250	250.0	245	245.0
11th Grade	219	219.0	211	211.0
12th Grade	194	194.0	186	186.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>3,930.6</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>3,797.4</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 2022-23.\*

**TABLE 2**  
**2023-24 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments\***

2022-23 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2023			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,331	82.57%	3,329.1	84.70%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	35	0.87%	35.0	0.89%
Wisconsin Public School	354	8.78%	354.0	9.01%
No School	262	6.49%	160.5	4.08%
Homeschooled	24	0.59%	24.0	0.61%
Out of State	28	0.69%	28.0	0.71%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,930.6</b>	<b>100%</b>

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\*\* Of the 35 students (35.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2022-23 as non-Choice students, 14 (14.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 5 students applied to first grade and 14 students applied to ninth grade for the 2023-24 school year, and the remaining 2 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.