

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

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

In October 2023, there were thirty five (35) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 4,038 students or 3,934.2 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. The program is estimated to cost \$41,500,000 in 2023-24.

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*

	3rd Friday in September 2023	
<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	234	131.2
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	291	290.0
1st Grade	341	341.0
2nd Grade	322	322.0
3rd Grade	321	321.0
4th Grade	307	307.0
5th Grade	331	331.0
6th Grade	342	342.0
7th Grade	320	320.0
8th Grade	277	277.0
9th Grade	288	288.0
10th Grade	251	251.0
11th Grade	218	218.0
12th Grade	195	195.0
Totals	4,038	3,934.2

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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	3,333	82.54%	3,331.1	84.67%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	35	0.87%	35.0	0.89%
Wisconsin Public School	355	8.79%	355.0	9.02%
No School	263	6.51%	161.1	4.09%
Homeschooled	24	0.59%	24.0	0.61%
Out of State	28	0.69%	28.0	0.71%
Totals	4,038	100%	3,934.2	100%

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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.