

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2024-25 As of October 2024

In October 2024, there were thirty six (36) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 4,185 students or 4,073.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2024-25 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$10,237 and \$12,731 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$44,300,000 in 2024-25.

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 2024-25 Enrollment by Grade Level*

<u>Grade Level</u>	3rd Friday in September 2024	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	255	143.2
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	323	323.0
1st Grade	319	319.0
2nd Grade	347	347.0
3rd Grade	316	316.0
4th Grade	341	341.0
5th Grade	315	315.0
6th Grade	334	334.0
7th Grade	332	332.0
8th Grade	319	319.0
9th Grade	281	281.0
10th Grade	260	260.0
11th Grade	233	233.0
12th Grade	210	210.0
Totals	4,185	4,073.2

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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 2023-24.*

TABLE 2
2024-25 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2023-24 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2024			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,406	81.39%	3,404.6	83.59%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	50	1.19%	50.0	1.23%
Wisconsin Public School	330	7.89%	330.0	8.10%
No School	289	6.91%	178.6	4.38%
Homeschooled	65	1.55%	65.0	1.60%
Out of State	45	1.08%	45.0	1.10%
Totals	4,185	100%	4,073.2	100%

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** Of the 50 students (50.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2023-24 as non-Choice students, 13 (13.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 16 students applied to first grade and 18 students applied to ninth grade for the 2024-25 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.