

Racine and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs (RPCP/WPCP)--State/Local Funding

State law was changed in 2015-16 to fund the RPCP/WPCP in the following manner:

For choice students enrolled in the RPCP/WPCP prior to 2015-16:

- These choice students are paid directly with state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funds until the student exits the RPCP/WPCP.
- There is no reduction from a school district's state general aids for these students.
- These choice students are not counted in a school district's membership for state general aid or revenue limit purposes.

For choice students enrolling in the RPCP/WPCP in 2015-16 or thereafter:

State General Aids

- The choice student's resident district pays their voucher through a reduction in its state general aids.

Example: District A has 10 resident 4th grade choice students in a private choice school(s). It would have its state general aid reduced by \$75,300 (\$7,530 X 10 FTE).
- If a district does not receive enough state general aid to cover this reduction, the balance is taken from other state aids (e.g., per pupil aid) received by the district.
- These choice students are counted in their resident district's membership for state general aid purposes in the following year's state aid calculation. A district may recoup some state general aid depending on its "position" in the state general aid formula, but is unlikely to fully recover its prior year state aid reduction.
- Most school districts that receive state general aid are negatively affected by adding choice students in those districts eligible to count them for membership purposes.

Revenue Limits

- The choice student's resident district receives a non-recurring revenue limit adjustment equal to the per FTE choice payment in the current year, allowing a school board to replace the state aid reduction through increased property taxes.

Example: District A in the example above would receive a non-recurring revenue limit adjustment of \$75,300 (\$7,530 X 10 FTE) in that year and be able to increase its property taxes by that amount.

2017-19 Biennial Budget RPCP/WPCP Funding Summary (estimated funding figures)

Fiscal Year	Per Choice Student FTE Payment (Grades K-8/Grades 9-12)	State GPR Funding	State Aid Deduction/Local Property Taxpayer Funding
2017-18	\$7,530/\$8,176	\$13.5 million	\$42.8 million
2018-19	\$7,747/\$8,393	\$11.6 million	\$70.9 million