

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2018-19 As of October 2018

In October 2018, there were twenty six (26) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,324 students or 3,241.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2018-19 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$7,754 and \$8,400 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$25,600,000 in 2018-19.

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 2018-19 Enrollment by Grade Level*

Grade Level	3rd Friday in September 2018	
	Headcount	FTE
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	179	98.6
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	321	319.0
1st Grade	307	307.0
2nd Grade	293	293.0
3rd Grade	254	254.0
4th Grade	301	301.0
5th Grade	260	260.0
6th Grade	312	312.0
7th Grade	265	265.0
8th Grade	197	197.0
9th Grade	205	205.0
10th Grade	192	192.0
11th Grade	124	124.0
12th Grade	114	114.0
Totals	3,324	3,241.6

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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 2017-18.

TABLE 2
2018-19 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2017-18 Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2018			
	Headcount**	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School	2,626	79.00%	2,611.2	80.55%
Wisconsin Public School	459	13.81%	444.8	13.72%
No School	171	5.14%	118.1	3.64%
Homeschooled	45	1.35%	44.5	1.37%
Out of State	23	0.69%	23.0	0.71%
Totals	3,324	100%	3,241.6	100%

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** Of the 2,626 students enrolled in private school in 2017-18, 2,478 (2,475.1 FTE) participated in the RPCP. Of the remaining 148 students (136.1 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2017-18, 44 (32.1 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 17 students applied to first grade and 33 students applied to ninth grade for the 2018-19 school year, and the remaining 54 students applied to other grades under the new law for combined governing board agreements.