

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2020-21 As of October 2020

In October 2020, there were twenty five (25) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 3,835 students or 3,764.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2020-21 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$8,300 and \$8,946 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$31,800,000 in 2020-21.

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 2020-21 Enrollment by Grade Level*

Grade Level	3rd Friday in September 2020	
	Headcount	FTE
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	152	83.2
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	326	324.0
1st Grade	314	314.0
2nd Grade	339	339.0
3rd Grade	322	322.0
4th Grade	308	308.0
5th Grade	278	278.0
6th Grade	333	333.0
7th Grade	309	309.0
8th Grade	314	314.0
9th Grade	259	259.0
10th Grade	209	209.0
11th Grade	183	183.0
12th Grade	189	189.0
Totals	3,835	3,764.2

* These are unaudited numbers as of October 2020 and are subject to change.

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TABLE 2
2020-21 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2019-20 Parent Reported Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2020			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,104	77.04%	3,100.2	78.95%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	46	1.59%	46.0	1.63%
Wisconsin Public School	431	13.12%	431.0	13.46%
No School	202	6.77%	135.0	4.44%
Homeschooled	33	0.90%	33.0	0.93%
Out of State	19	0.58%	19.0	0.59%
Totals	3,835	100%	3,764.2	100%

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** Of the 46 students (46.0 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2019-20 as non-Choice students, 15 (15.0 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 5 students applied to first grade and 22 students applied to ninth grade for the 2020-21 school year, and the remaining 4 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.