

2016-17 Income Limits for New Students Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

For the 2016-17 school year, the family income of a student applying to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) must be at or below the amount listed in the table below. If a student is continuing in the program or was on the Department of Public Instruction’s choice waiting list in the prior year, he or she is no longer required to meet the income limits. Family income includes the income of the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that reside in the same household as the student applicant. If the student’s parents/legal guardians are married their income is reduced by \$7,000 when determining income eligibility for the program. Family size includes parents/legal guardians and their children by birth, marriage or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

Table 1
185% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2016-17

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Yearly Income*</u>
1	\$21,971
2	\$29,735
3	\$37,499
4	\$45,263
5	\$53,027
6	\$60,791

For each additional member add \$7,764

A private school may, in addition to the state aid payment it receives, charge a choice student tuition in an amount determined by the school if both of the following apply: (a) the student is in grades 9 through 12; and (b) the family income of the student exceeds 220% of the federal poverty level as listed below. For the WPCP, only continuing choice students in grades 9-12 whose family income has increased above 220% of the federal poverty level may be charged tuition. New students to the WPCP, regardless of their grade level, cannot be charged tuition. The private school makes the determination whether the school can charge a continuing choice student tuition in grades 9 through 12. The private school must establish a process for accepting appeals to the school’s governing body related to the school’s determination to charge a continuing choice student tuition based on the student’s family income.

Table 2
220% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2016-17

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Yearly Income*</u>
1	\$26,127
2	\$35,360
3	\$44,593
4	\$53,826
5	\$63,059
6	\$72,292

For each additional member add \$9,233

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov or dial, toll free: 1-888-245-2732, ext. 3.

*As determined by Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on the federal income tax return for the prior calendar year (2015 for the 2016-17 school year).