

**WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (WPCP/Statewide)**

**WPCP Facts and Figures for 2015-2016  
As of October 2016**

In January 2016, there were 82 private schools participating in the WPCP, with a total enrollment of 2,528 students or 2,485.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.\* In the 2015-16 school year, the WPCP state aid for a student enrolled full-time in the WPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$7,214 and \$7,860 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$18.36 million in 2015-16.

Act 55 (Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget) changed the manner in which the WPCP 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 WPCP in the 2015-16 school year and thereafter are referred to as “incoming pupils.” All choice pupils participating in the WPCP must identify their resident public school district (the public school district where they reside on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September). Wisconsin public school districts will have their 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 the resident public school district does not receive an equalization aid payment sufficient to cover the incoming choice pupil aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aid received by the district. Incoming pupils in the WPCP are included in their resident public school district’s membership for state general aid purposes in the following year. Districts may not levy to backfill the aid reduction. School districts receive a non-recurring revenue limit exemption equal to the number of FTE choice students multiplied by the current year revenue limit per student. For the 2015-16 school year, no more than 1% of pupils residing in a public school district may participate in the WPCP. There were 3,523 applications for the program eligible to be included in the statutorily required random drawing conducted by the department in July for districts with more applications than the 1% limit or for schools with more applicants than seats available. There were 237 students selected in the drawing that are not participating in the program and 760 students remaining on waiting lists. The department is required to fill a seat from a district’s waiting list if a choice student leaves a school and the choice enrollment falls below the 1% limit.

Table 1 shows the WPCP enrollment by grade level for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September 2015 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January 2016 count dates. 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  
WPCP 2015-2016 Enrollment by Grade Level\***

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>3rd Friday in September 2015</b>		<b>2nd Friday in January 2016</b>	
	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>FTE</b>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	69	35.0	69	35.0
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	187	179.5	189	180.5
1st Grade	219	219.0	216	216.0
2nd Grade	199	199.0	200	200.0
3rd Grade	207	207.0	210	210.0
4th Grade	205	205.0	208	208.0
5th Grade	199	199.0	199	199.0
6th Grade	203	203.0	202	202.0
7th Grade	178	178.0	180	180.0
8th Grade	147	147.0	150	150.0
9th Grade	224	224.0	223	223.0
10th Grade	201	201.0	199	199.0
11th Grade	158	158.0	158	158.0
12th Grade	125	125.0	125	125.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>2,479.5</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>2,485.5</b>

\*These numbers are as of October 2016 and are subject to change.

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Table 2 provides the total number of students in the WPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled in school in 2014-15.

**TABLE 2  
2015-16 WPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments\***

<b>2014-2015 Enrollment</b>	<b>3rd Friday in September 2015</b>			
	<b>Headcount**</b>	<b>% of Headcount</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>% of FTE</b>
Wisconsin Private School	2,107	83.58%	2,090.1	84.30%
Wisconsin Public School	308	12.22%	306.1	12.35%
No School	69	2.74%	47.8	1.93%
Homeschooled	33	1.31%	31.5	1.27%
Out of State	4	0.16%	4.0	0.16%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,479.5</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*These are unaudited numbers as of October 2016 and are subject to change.

\*\* Of the 2,107 students enrolled in private school in 2014-15, 883 (882.0 FTE) participated in the WPCP.