

# News Release

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## 26 schools intend to participate in Racine voucher program

MADISON – Twenty-six private nonsectarian and religious schools registered with the Department of Public Instruction by the Jan. 10 deadline to accept students through the Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP) for the 2018-19 school year. The list of schools includes six new schools, two of which currently participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), or both.

The RPCP allows students who reside in the Racine Unified School District and meet certain eligibility requirements to receive a taxpayer subsidized voucher to attend participating private or religious schools. To qualify for the program in the 2018-19 school year, a new student must come from a family whose income is equal to or less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$73,800 for a family of four or \$80,800 if the child’s parents or guardians are married. Generally, for the RPCP, students must be applying to 4- or 5-year-old kindergarten or grades one or nine; or meet one of the following requirements for the prior school year: (a) attended a public school in Wisconsin; (b) attended school in another state; (c) not enrolled in school; (d) participated in the choice program; or (e) on a choice waiting list. Parents who wish to enroll their children in a private or religious school participating in the

**Racine Parental Choice Program**

Open Application Periods

2018-19 School Year

Feb 1 to Feb 20

Mar 1 to Mar 20

Apr 1 to Apr 20

May 1 to May 21

Jun 1 to Jun 20

Jul 1 to Jul 20

Aug 1 to Aug 20

Sep 1 to Sep 14

RPCP next fall should apply using the [online parent application](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice) available at [dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice).

The private school, on behalf of each student’s parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible choice student. The aid amount is set in state law. For the 2018-19 school year, state aid for a student enrolled full time in the RPCP will be \$7,747 for students in kindergarten through grade eight or \$8,393 for students in grades nine through 12. Eligible students in kindergarten through grade eight may attend the private school with no charge for tuition. Eligible students in grades nine through 12 may be

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charged tuition if their family's income exceeds 220 percent of the federal poverty level (\$54,120 for a family of four or \$61,120 if the child's parents or guardians are married). Students must reapply to the program each year; however, students continuing in the program do not have to meet the 300 percent of poverty level income limit.

When registering with the DPI, each participating school selects which open application periods it will accept student applications. Schools are limited to accepting applications only during that time. If the number of eligible student applications received during a specified open application period exceeds choice enrollment limits at the school, the school must use a random selection process to determine which students will attend under the choice program. Choice schools must send written notification of students' acceptance or denial within 60 days of the end of the application period during which an application is received.

For the current school year's third Friday in September enrollment count, the Racine voucher program had 3,007 students (2,915.4 full-time-equivalent). Taxpayer costs for the 2016-17 school year were \$18.0 million. The RPCP began in the 2011-12 school year. Since inception and through last school year, payments to private and religious schools in Racine for the voucher program total \$57,329,728.

A list of schools that plan to participate in the RPCP for the 2018-19 school year, including the schools' open application periods, follows. Schools marked with an asterisk (\*) will be new to the RPCP in fall 2018.

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**NOTES:** More information, including the most up-to-date list of participating schools, can be found on the department's [Parental Choice Programs website](https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs), <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-11.pdf>.

# Racine Parental Choice Program

## Schools Registered to Participate – Open Application Periods

### 2018-19 School Year

**Academy of Excellence**  
 1236 West Pierce Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53204  
 Other Location(s): 3814 West North Avenue;  
 1854 West Windlake Avenue  
 Administrator: Randy Melchert  
 Phone: (414) 369-2193 Grades: K4-12  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Badger State Baptist School**  
 8519 South 13th Street  
 Oak Creek, WI 53154  
 Administrator: Heather Frymier  
 Phone: (414) 301-9319 Grades: K4-12  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug

**Catholic Central High School**  
 148 McHenry Street  
 Burlington, WI 53105  
 Other Location(s): 225 West State Street;  
 108 McHenry Street  
 Administrator: Bonnie Scholz  
 Phone: (262) 763-1510 Grades: 9-12  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr

**CERT School**  
 2772 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive  
 Milwaukee, WI 53212  
 Other Location: 1437 Marquette  
 Street, Racine  
 Administrator: Christopher Litzau  
 Phone: (262) 880-4811 Grades: 12  
 Open Application Period(s) Feb Mar Apr May  
 Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Concordia Lutheran School**  
 8500 Durand Avenue  
 Sturtevant, WI 53177  
 Administrator: Jeannine Klein  
 Phone: (262) 884-0991 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**EverGreen Academy**  
 3554 Taylor Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53405  
 Other Location(s): 3131 Taylor Avenue;  
 3350 Lathrop Avenue  
 Administrator: Grant Meier  
 Phone: (262) 456-1079 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Friedens Lutheran School**  
 5043 20th Avenue  
 Kenosha, WI 53140  
 Administrator: Bruce Babler  
 Phone: (262) 652-3451 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s):  
 Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**\* Grace Lutheran School**  
 8537 South Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Oak Creek, WI 53154  
 Administrator: Steve Gettelman  
 Phone: (414) 762-3655 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Aug

**\* Guidance Academy**  
 1800 16th Avenue  
 South Milwaukee, WI 53172  
 Administrator: Comilita Salah  
 Phone: (414) 312-8755 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug

**HOPE Christian School: Via**  
 3502 Douglas Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53402  
 Administrator: Castenzio Venegas  
 Phone: (262) 800-9021 Grades: K5-7  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Luther Preparatory School**  
 1300 Western Avenue  
 Watertown, WI 53094  
 Administrator: Matthew Crass  
 Phone: (920) 261-4352 Grades: 9  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar

**Lutheran High School Association of Racine**  
 251 Luedtke Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53405  
 Administrator: David Burgess  
 Phone: (262) 637-6538 Grades: 9-12  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Our Father's Lutheran School**  
 6023 South 27th Street  
 Greenfield, WI 53221  
 Administrator: Nathan Wingfield  
 Phone: (414) 282-7500 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Racine Christian School**  
 912 Virginia Street  
 Racine, WI 53405  
 Administrator: David Van Swol  
 Phone: (262) 634-0961 Grades: K5-7  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar May Jun  
 Aug Sep

**Renaissance School**  
 6150 Taylor Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53403  
 Other Location: 1510 Villa Street  
 Administrator: Richard Laabs  
 Phone: (262) 554-6768 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Saint John's Lutheran School**  
 510 Kewaunee Street  
 Racine, WI 53402  
 Administrator: Kevin Charpentier  
 Phone: (262) 633-2758 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**\* Saint Lucy School**  
 3035 Drexel Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53403  
 Administrator: Nancy Kost  
 Phone: (262) 833-5517 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Aug

**Saint Matthew School**  
 9329 South Chicago Road  
 Oak Creek, WI 53154  
 Administrator: Kelly Stefanich  
 Phone: (414) 762-6820 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Jun Aug Sep

**\* Saint Rita School**  
 4433 Douglas Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53402  
 Administrator: Nancy Kost  
 Phone: (262) 833-5517 Grades: K4-8  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
 May Aug

**Shoreland Lutheran High School**  
 9026 12th Street  
 Somers, WI 53171  
 Administrator: Paul Scriver  
 Phone: (262) 859-2595 Grades: 9-12  
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr May

\* Indicates new to the program in 2018-19  
 Schools must meet all program requirements to be eligible to receive program payments.

**Siena Catholic Schools of Racine Inc.**

1200 Park Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403  
Other Location(s): 1525 Erie St; 1435 Grove Avenue; 2023 Northwestern Avenue  
Administrator: Nancy Kost  
Phone: (262) 632-2785 Grades: K4-12  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Aug

**Trinity Lutheran School**

7900 Nicholson Road  
Caledonia, WI 53108  
Administrator: David Habeck  
Phone: (262) 835-4326 Grades: K5-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Trinity Lutheran School**

2065 Geneva Street  
Racine, WI 53402  
Administrator: Pamela Amling  
Phone: (262) 632-1766 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**\* Victory Christian Academy**

6021 West Lincoln Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53219  
Administrator: Christina Dyson  
Phone: (414) 384-0049 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**Wisconsin Lutheran School**

734 Villa Street  
Racine, WI 53403  
Other Location(s): 2920 Bate Street;  
718 Grand Avenue  
Administrator: Paul Patterson  
Phone: (262) 633-7143 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Jun Jul Aug Sep

**\* Word of Life Evangelical Lutheran School**

3545 South 23rd Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221  
Other Location: 3558 South 24th Street  
Administrator: Philip Krueger  
Phone: (414) 281-7808 Grades: K4-8  
Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr  
May Jun Jul Aug Sep