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27 schools intend to participate in Racine voucher program

MADISON – Twenty-seven 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 2019-20 school year. The list includes three new schools, two of which currently participate in the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Parental Choice programs.

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 2019-20 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 \$75,300 for a family of four or \$82,300 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 RPCP next fall should apply using the [online parent application](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice) available at dpi.wi.gov/choice.

Racine Parental Choice Program			
Open Application Periods			
2019-20 School Year			
Feb	1	to	Feb 20
Mar	1	to	Mar 20
Apr	1	to	Apr 22
May	1	to	May 20
Jun	1	to	Jun 20
Jul	1	to	Jul 22
Aug	1	to	Aug 20
Sep	1	to	Sep 16

The private school, on behalf of each student’s parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible choice student. The payment, set in state law, is \$7,754 for students in kindergarten through grade eight and \$8,400 for students in grades nine through 12 for the current school year. 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 charged tuition if their family’s income exceeds 220 percent of the federal poverty level (\$55,220 for a family of four or \$62,220 if the child’s parents or guardians are

(more)

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 3,324 students (3,241.6 full-time-equivalent). Taxpayer costs for the 2017-18 school year were \$21.9 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 \$79.2 million.

A list of schools that plan to participate in the RPCP for the 2019-20 school year, including the schools' open application periods, follows. Schools marked with an asterisk (*) will be new to the RPCP in fall 2019.

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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/dpinr2019-10.pdf>.

Racine Parental Choice Program

Schools Registered to Participate – Open Application Periods

2019-20 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 Frymire
 Phone: (414) 301-9319 Grades: K4-12
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar
 Apr May Jun Jul Aug

*** Bethany Lutheran School**
 2100 75th Street
 Kenosha, WI 53143
 Administrator: Stephen Schultz
 Phone: (262) 654-3234 Grades: K5-8
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr
 May Jun

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: 9-10
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr

CERT School
 2224 West Kilbourn Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53204
 Other Location: 1437 Marquette Street,
 Racine
 Administrator: Christopher Litzau
 Phone: (262) 880-4811 Grade: 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
 3351 Chicory Road
 Mount Pleasant, WI 53403
 Other Location(s): 3554 Taylor Avenue,
 Racine; 3350 Lathrop Avenue, Racine
 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: David Leonard
 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 53221
 Other Location(s): 1611 Manitoba Avenue;
 1610 Minnesota Avenue
 Administrator: Comilita Salah
 Phone: (414) 312-8755 Grades: K4-9
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr
 May Jun Jul Aug Sep

HOPE Christian School: Via
 3502 Douglas Avenue
 Racine, WI 53402
 Administrator: Erica Samz
 Phone: (262) 800-9021 Grades: K5-8
 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 Grade: 9
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Apr

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

*** Martin Luther High School**
 5201 South 76th Street
 Greendale, WI 53129
 Administrator: Wayne Jensen
 Phone: (414) 421-4000 Grades: 9-10
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr Jun
 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: K5-8
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar May Jun
 Aug Sep

Renaissance School
 6150 Taylor Avenue
 Racine, WI 53403
 Other Location: 1510 Villa Street
 Administrator: Shaun Luehring
 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 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 Thomas More High School**
 2601 East Morgan Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53207
 Administrator: Martha Schier
 Phone: (414) 481-8370 Grades: 9-10
 Open Application Period: Feb

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 Aug

Siena Catholic Schools of Racine Inc.
 1220 Villa Street
 Racine, WI 53403
 Other Location(s): 1525 Erie Street;
 1435 Grove Avenue; 2023 Northwestern
 Avenue; 4433 Douglas Avenue;
 3035 Drexel Avenue;
 1200 Park Avenue
 Administrator: Nancy Kost
 Phone: (262) 812-0155 Grades: K4-12
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar Apr
 May Aug

Trinity Lutheran School
 7900 Nicholson Road
 Caledonia, WI 53108
 Administrator: Jeffrey Inniger
 Phone: (262) 835-4326 Grades: K5-8
 Open Application Period(s): Feb Mar
 May Aug

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
 Other Location: 2840 S 10th Street,
 Milwaukee
 Administrator: Christina Dyson
 Phone: (414) 384-0049 Grades: K4-9
 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