RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2025-26
As of October 2025

In October 2025, there were thirty eight (38) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 4,170 students or 4,070.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2025-26 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is $10,877 and $13,371 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost $47,000,000 in 2025-26.

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 is counted as 0.6 FTE.

Table 1
RPCP 2025-26 Enrollment by Grade Level*

	3rd Friday in September 2025	
Grade Level	**Headcount**	**FTE**
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	245	147.0
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	310	308.5
1st Grade	337	337.0
2nd Grade	318	318.0
3rd Grade	346	346.0
4th Grade	306	306.0
5th Grade	340	340.0
6th Grade	300	300.0
7th Grade	329	329.0
8th Grade	322	322.0
9th Grade	294	294.0
10th Grade	258	258.0
11th Grade	244	244.0
12th Grade	221	221.0
Totals	**4,170**	**4,070.5**

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Table 2 provides the total number of students in the RPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled in school in 2024-25.*

TABLE 2
2025-26 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

	3rd Friday in September 2025			
2024-25 Parent Reported Enrollment	**Headcount**	**% of Headcount**	**FTE**	**% of FTE**
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Choice	3,503	84.00%	3,500.7	86.00%
Wisconsin Private School - Prior Year Non-Choice**	38	0.91%	37.6	0.92%
Wisconsin Public School	265	6.35%	265.0	6.51%
No School	286	6.86%	189.2	4.65%
Homeschooled	53	1.27%	53.0	1.30%
Out of State	25	0.60%	25.0	0.61%
Totals	**4,170**	**100%**	**4,070.5**	**100%**

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** Of the 38 students (37.6 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2024-25 as non-Choice students, 16 (15.6 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 8 students applied to first grade and 12 students applied to ninth grade for the 2025-26 school year, and the remaining 2 students applied to other grades either under the law for combined governing board agreements or were on a Choice program prior year waiting list.