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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.

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

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