

WISCONSIN PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

Some parents may be able to afford to send their children (grades K4 to 12) to a Catholic school with financial help from the State of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) provides tuition payments for families who wish to send their children to a Catholic school and who are income qualified to receive such state funds for private schools. To discover whether you are qualified for such funding, see dpi.wi.gov/choice.

Wisconsin families with income no more than 220 percent of the federal poverty level (\$56,650 for a family of four in 2019–20) and who reside in the Newton/Manitowoc public school district are eligible.

In 2019–20, the maximum voucher amount was \$8,046 for grades K–8 and \$8,692 for grades 9–12. Each school year, maximum voucher payments increase.

Parents need to consult their child's school to see if the school is qualified to receive Wisconsin School Choice funds.

If parents are qualified, they can apply for the WPCP funds between February 3 and April 16 for the next school year (apply at dpi.wi.gov/choice, which helps parents fill out the application form). The state funds are limited so it is advisable that parents apply as early as possible. State law, for example, stipulates that no more than 5% of the pupil membership of a public school district may participate in the WPCP.

WPCP pays all tuition costs for qualifying students. Once accepted into WPCP, it covers the student through graduation.