



St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Application opens February 3, 2025!

What is the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program?

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) allows students to attend a participating private school tuition-free if certain eligibility criteria are met and the students are selected by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The private school, on behalf of the student's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment (voucher) for each eligible student. WPCP is a separate application process from the St. Anthony's School Adopt-A-Student Program.

How do I know if we are eligible?

Families must meet income and student eligibility requirements.

What Income Qualifies?

Participation in the voucher program is limited to those with a qualifying income based on family size. For the 2025-2026 school year, the following incomes qualify.

Family Size	Single Parent Income	Married Couple Income
2	\$44,968.00	-
3	\$56,804.00	\$63,804.00
4	\$68,640.00	\$75,640.00
5	\$80,476.00	\$87,476.00
6	\$92,312.00	\$99,312.00

*For each additional family member, add \$11,836.00

Student Eligibility:

Children already attending a private school can apply for a voucher when entering 4K, 5K, 1st grade, or 9th grade. Children attending a private school for the first time, returning after a year away, or who enrolled after September 20, 2024, can apply for any grade.

What expenses are covered by the WPCP vouchers?

The WPCP provides private schools with state-funded vouchers that cover full tuition.

What expenses are not covered by the WPCP vouchers?

Computer/supply fee, school trips, classroom supplies, or meals

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What is needed to apply?

- Two options for proof of income:
 - *Option One:* Automatic look-up of your most recently filed State taxes. If you know your 2024 Federal taxes show a qualifying income, or, if your 2023 Federal taxes show a qualifying income and you have not filed your 2024 taxes, this is the recommended method. (DOR Method)
 - *Option Two:* An automatic look-up of your 2024 Federal 1040. This will be used to confirm the income level you put on your application. This is the preferred method if your 2023 income would not qualify but your 2024 income would. (DPI Method)
- Proof of Residency-choose one of the following:
 - W2
 - Property Tax Statement
 - Paystub dated between December 2024 and April 15, 2025, with your full address on it
 - Utility Bill (water, gas, electric, cable, or satellite. Not cellular or any other bill.)
 - Signed lease covering the day you apply
 - Letter from a Government Agency dated during the application period

Ready to apply?

- Applications are all online at <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>
- Creating an Account
 - Those applying for the first time will need to enter an email address and password. You'll then receive an email with a place to click on to confirm the creation of your account. Once you've done that you'll be able to log in to start the application.
- Selecting Your School
 - Scroll through the list of all of the participating schools to find your school. You can select more than one school but will be asked which is your first choice.
 - St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School
- Enter Your Family Information
 - The following screens will ask for information about the parent(s) and child(ren). Complete this for all children for whom you are applying. You'll then be given an opportunity to complete information for other family members. This information will be used to determine family size in order to determine the qualifying income.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a private consult, please contact Kaylyn Halopka at kaylyn.halopka@staathens.org or call 715-257-7541. I will also be available after school on Wednesday, January 29, specifically for questions regarding this program.