

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

The state of Wisconsin provides the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) to eligible students in parochial and non-public schools. Through it, school tuition is covered in full by the state. St. John's Lutheran School will continue to participate in this program in the 2023-2024 school year. Student eligibility for the WPCP is determined by family residence, family income, and prior year school attendance. Students applying for the WPCP at St. John's must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:



- (1) Applying for the 5-day 4K program, K5 (kindergarten), or grade 1.
- (2) Meet one of the following requirements for the 2022-2023 school year: (a) attended a public school in Wisconsin; (b) attended school in another state; (c) not enrolled in school (includes students homeschooled for the entire 2021-2022 school year); (d) participated in the MPCP, RPCP or WPCP; (e) on a MPCP, RPCP or WPCP waiting list.
- (3) Be on any prior year WPCP waiting list in 2015-16 or later due to a school district enrollment cap. All students must meet the residency requirement every year.

Parents may apply for the WPCP between February 1st - April 20th at: dpi.wi.gov/choice.

Families currently enrolled in the program or on the waiting list must still apply each year, but are only required to meet the income eligibility in the first year.

For new families to the program, to meet the income requirements for the program a student's family must have an **Adjusted Gross Income** no greater than the table shown below in regard to family size (parent(s) and child(ren) are added to family size). Please note that Adjusted Gross Income includes all taxable income and certain income deductions.

2023-2024 Adjusted Gross Income Eligibility Chart (AGI) – AGI found on line 11 of Form 1040

Family Size	Single Parent	Married Parents
2	\$40,282	\$47,282
3	\$50,666	\$57,666
4	\$61,050	\$68,050
5	\$71,434	\$78,434
6	\$81,818	\$88,818

For each additional member, add \$10,384

Income Verification:

There are two ways to prove your income eligibility. The DPI method (get your 2022 taxes done early in 2023) or the DOR method (no tax forms are required).

Parents/guardians of new applicants must show they are income eligible by either: (a) DPI Method: providing their social security numbers or taxpayer identification number during the application process and having the Department of Revenue determine whether the student is income eligible for the program; or (b) DOR Method: using the Department of Public Instruction's income determination method by answering a series of income questions in the on-line application and providing paper income documentation to the school as directed in the application during the open application period.

Residency Requirement:

Applicants must also provide proof of residency directly to the school during the open application period. You may live anywhere in Wisconsin with the exception of Milwaukee County and the Racine Unified School District. You prove your residency with one of the following:

- A utility bill (e.g.: gas, sewer, water, electric, landline telephone, cable or satellite) - Must be dated between November 1, 2022 and April 20, 2023. Cell phone bills are not accepted.
- A 2022 wage statement or W-2 year end earning statement
- A 2023 property tax bill
- A lease agreement - Must include the date on which the application was made. Expired lease agreements are not acceptable.
- Official government correspondence

*The document must include the name of one parent whose name is on the application and the exact address as noted in the online application.

After you have completed the online parent application and submitted all required documents, you will wait for the state to notify you via email whether you receive a voucher. Last year, parents were notified towards the end of May.

For more information how the WPCP might serve your family, contact Principal Mueller at [920-261-3756](tel:920-261-3756).