

2026-27 Income Limits for New Students

Milwaukee (MPCP), Racine (RPCP) and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

For the 2026-27 school year, the family income of a student new to a Choice program must be at or below the amount listed in the table below for the program the student is applying. All students must apply each year at dpi.wi.gov/choice. If a student is continuing in any of the Choice programs or was on the choice waiting list for the same Choice program in the prior year, they do not need to meet the income limits. Family income includes the income of the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) that reside in the same household as the student applicant. If the student's parents/legal guardians that reside in the same household are married, their income is reduced by \$7,000 when determining income eligibility for the program (i.e. *married family income minus \$7,000*). For example, if a family of four with parents that are married has an income of \$60,000, subtract \$7,000 from their income and compare that amount (\$53,000) to the income limit for a family of four in the appropriate table below. Family size includes parents/legal guardians and their children by birth, marriage, or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

Table 1 – MPCP and RPCP Income Limits 300% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2026-27

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Income*
1	\$46,950
2	\$63,450
3	\$79,950
4	\$96,450
5	\$112,950
6	\$129,450

For each additional member add \$16,500

Table 2 – WPCP Only Income Limits 220% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2026-27

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Income*
1	\$34,430
2	\$46,530
3	\$58,630
4	\$70,730
5	\$82,830
6	\$94,930

For each additional member add \$12,100

A private school may, in addition to the state aid payment it receives, charge a Choice student tuition in an amount determined by the school if both of the following apply: (a) the student is in grades 9 through 12; and (b) the family income of the student exceeds 220% of the federal poverty level as listed below. The private school makes the determination whether the school can charge a Choice student tuition in grades 9 through 12. The private school must establish a process for accepting appeals to the school's governing body related to the school's determination to charge a Choice student tuition based on the student's family income.

Table 3 – Continuing 9-12 Grade Students Tuition Income Requirements 220% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2026-27

Family Size	Yearly Income Must Exceed*
1	\$34,430
2	\$46,530
3	\$58,630
4	\$70,730
5	\$82,830
6	\$94,930

For each additional member add \$12,100

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov or dial, toll free: 1-608-267-1292, ext. 3.

* As determined by the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on the federal income tax return for the prior calendar year (2025 for the 2026-27 school year).