

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for 2020-2021

The application period for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) runs from February 3 through April 17.

There are 3 requirements:

- Previous Year Enrollment
- Family Income
- Residency

Previous Year Enrollment

To qualify, your child must either be entering grade 4K, Kindergarten, or Grade 1; or have gone to school in a public school last year.

Family Income

To qualify, for the WPCP, a family must have an Adjusted Gross Income on your federal 1040 tax form that meets the following:

- Family size of 2 - \$37,202
- Family size of 3 - \$46,926
- Family size of 4 - \$56,650
- Family size of 5 - \$66,374
- Family size of 6 - \$76,098
- Family size of 7 - \$93,456

Family size includes adults and dependent children residing in that household. For example, a family size of three could be two parents and one dependent child or one parent and two dependent children. For each additional family member beyond 7, add \$9,504. When a married couple applies for a Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) voucher for their child, \$7,000 is **subtracted** from their adjusted gross income before comparing it to the income chart. This is considered a benefit to married parents.

Residency

The rules of the program are simple. To qualify for the WPCP, a family must reside somewhere in Wisconsin with the exception of Milwaukee County or the Racine Unified School District. Those areas have separate choice programs and St. Matthew's does not participate in them.

Perhaps the easiest way to prove residency is with a utility bill. The typical documents are an electric bill, a natural gas bill, a water bill, a sewer bill, or a landline telephone bill. The bill must display the name of at least one of the applicant parents exactly as they entered it in the online application site for the WPCP. The address must also be an exact match. Finally, the bill must be dated no earlier than November 1, 2018, and no later than April 17, 2019.

For more information how the WPCP might serve your family, you can contact Principal Eric Ziel at St. Matthew's (262-912-6364 or eziel@smls.org).