

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

St. Matthew's Lutheran School is part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). For students who qualify and then are selected to receive a voucher through the WPCP, the family receives a voucher from the State of Wisconsin that pays their student's St Matthew's tuition in full. The voucher remains with the student throughout their time at St. Matthew's.

4K, 5K, and 1st grade are considered entry points in the WPCP. This means all students entering 4K, 5K, and 1st graders who meet the income criteria and apply are eligible. Students receiving a voucher for grade school can transfer the voucher directly (without having to meet the income criteria) to Lakeside Lutheran High School and Luther Preparatory School, two high schools that are supported directly by St. Matthew's Church and School.

The cap for vouchers in the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled to be 7% of the school district's total enrollment where the family resides. For school districts where more students apply than the cap allows, students are selected by random by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Eligibility is based on family size and Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) as reported on your 2021 tax return (see chart below) and being a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

Please click [HERE FOR A LINK](#) to the online application. The application is open February 1, 2022 through April 21, 2022.

Check out information on the WPCP program [HERE](#).

[WPCP - FAQ](#)

Is Your Family Eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program?

The income chart below is for the 2022-2023 school year. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction annually releases income charts for the following year in January.

Single Parent Household - 2022-2023 School Year

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME AT OR BELOW
2	\$38,324
3	\$48,312
4	\$58,300
5	\$68,288
6	\$78,279

Add \$9,988 for each additional family member.

Two Parent (Married) Household - 2022-2023 School Year

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME AT OR BELOW
3	\$55,312
4	\$65,300
5	\$75,288
6	\$85,276
7	\$95,264

Add \$9,988 for each additional family member.

Family income is the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on 1040 income tax form.

Family income is based on 220% of the Federal Poverty Level.

February 1, 2022 through April 15, 2022 is the open application period for a WPCP voucher for the 2022-23 school year. Families are notified if they're selected in May or June. Additional information on applying to the WPCP will be published as it becomes available.

Please note the specific situations below regarding applying for the WPCP.

- **If your student is new to St. Matthew's and you have need for financial assistance,**
 - If you believe your family may qualify for a voucher, apply for a WPCP voucher.
 - If your family does not qualify for the voucher, please know that tuition assistance is offered through St. Matthew's. Please contact the school office to inquire about a tuition assistance application.
 - **If your student is a returning student and has received or has a need for tuition assistance,** you must apply annually for the assistance.
- **If your returning student received a voucher through the WPCP** in the 2021-22 school year, do not apply for financial assistance. Simply re-apply for the WPCP voucher. Returning families only need to verify residency on the application, not income.

For additional information or questions please speak with Principal Tom Plitzuweit (tplitzuweit@smls.org or call 262-912-6347).