



St. Edward Catholic School

2026-27 Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Do your children qualify for free tuition? Call or email the office with any questions!

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. Edward Catholic School tuition assistance application.

How do I know if we are eligible?

Families must meet income and student eligibility requirements. ***Income eligibility:*** The prior year adjusted gross income (AGI) must be at or below 220% of the federal poverty guideline (see chart). This would include income of parents or legal guardians residing in the same household as the student applicant. Family size includes parents or legal guardians and their children by birth, marriage or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

Student eligibility:

Students new to St. Edward School, coming from a public school or home school in grades 4K through grade 8 are eligible. **Returning St. Edward students** entering 4K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 are eligible for the 2026-27 school year.

Family Size	Single Parent 2025* Income	Married 2024* Income
2	\$ 46,530	XX
3	\$ 58,630	\$ 65,630
4	\$ 70,730	\$ 77,730
5	\$ 82,830	\$ 89,930
6	\$ 94,930	\$ 101,930
7	\$ 107,030	\$ 114,030
8	\$ 119,130	\$ 126,130
9	\$ 131,230	\$ 138,230
10	\$ 143,330	\$ 150,330

*2024 income can be used to qualify if you apply for the WPCP prior to filing 2025 taxes.

What expenses are covered by the WPCP vouchers?

The WPCP provides private schools with state-funded vouchers that cover full tuition, and registration. WPCP vouchers do not cover co-curricular fees, equipment, transportation, after-school or summer care, elective school trips, classroom supplies or meals.

How and when do we apply?

Parents must complete the online Private School Choice Program application during the open application periods. The 2026-2027 Portal Windows will be open during the months of February, March, April, May and August. The Private School Choice Portal can be found at <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. An email address is required to apply. In addition, parents must provide supporting documentation directly to St. Edward Catholic School within the application period.

What supporting documentation is required to complete the application?

Proof of income is required for all students new to WPCP. A signed copy of the federal 1040 is acceptable for verification. If taxes have not been filed, please call Renee Cowart (see below) to determine the best option for your family to qualify and provide documentation. It is strongly recommended that you select the DPI method to verify income. The Department of Revenue (DOR) method is highly sensitive and sometimes submissions using this method are final.

Proof of residency is required for all new and returning applicants. For a complete list of acceptable forms, refer to the DPI website (see below). **All supporting documentation must be submitted to St. Edward Catholic School during the application period.**

How are students chosen to participate in WPCP at St. Edward Catholic School?

A limited number of seats are available. Applications will be processed by application window. If the number of applications exceeds the number of seats available, St. Edward Catholic School will use a Random Selection Process, created by the DPI, to award seats. Parents will be notified via the email provided in the documentation of their acceptance/wait list status.

Do I need to reapply for WPCP every year if my child receives a voucher at St. Edward Catholic School?

Yes, you must reapply each year online via the DPI website and supply residency documentation during the open application period. Students who have received a WPCP voucher and reapply will be awarded a voucher each subsequent year regardless of income and grade.

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Cowart at rcowart@stedwardk5.org or 920-733-6276. More information on the program can be found at the Department of Public Instruction website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>.

Re-Enrollment Instructions

FOR CURRENT CHOICE STUDENTS

2026-2027 Open Enrollment – February 2, 2026

DON'T WAIT. YOUR CHILD'S CHOICE SEAT IS NOT GUARANTEED IF YOU WAIT.

Each year, parents must complete the Online Parent Application via the DPI portal to continue receiving a choice voucher. Monthly application periods are available, starting in February, **but your child's spot is not guaranteed if you wait.** Seats fill monthly, **after the first enrollment period, seats may be given to new applicants depending on availability.** Applying early gives your child the best chance at securing their seat for the 2026-27 school year.

Follow these steps for an easy guide on how to renew your choice application.

1 Obtain an acceptable* **proof of address** document. 

***ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS:**

- Wage statement
- Signed and current lease agreement
- Property tax bill
- Utility bill (water, electric, gas, cable or landline phone)
- Government correspondence

Document must:

- List address
- Include name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Be dated within three (3) months of the start of open enrollment

2 Sign-in to the **online application** as a returning user using the email address and password from last year to complete the Online Parent Application. 

If you do not remember your password, use the "Forgot your password?" link on the sign-in page. Your password will be sent to the email registered.

3 Verify the information entered is current, update information if needed and submit application. 

Information entered on your application must match with your proof of address (e.g., name, address).

4 Check for email confirmation of application submission from the Department of Public Instruction. 

5 Provide proof of address **to each school listed on your application, during the same open application period** or the application is ineligible.

Contact the school(s) listed on your choice application and ask them the best way to deliver proof of address.

Schools may accept documents:

1. In person
2. Email/Text
(Partial images are not accepted)
 - Name of student(s)
 - Grade(s)
 - Birthdate(s)

6 *Renewal complete!*



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2026–2027 Adjusted Gross Income Eligibility Chart (AGI)

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