



**Holy Spirit Catholic School
WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM
Frequently asked 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 Holy Spirit 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 Holy Spirit, coming from a public school or home school in grades 4K through grade 8 are eligible. Returning Holy Spirit students entering 4K-grade 8 are eligible for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Thanks to the support from St. Mary Catholic Schools, Holy Spirit has entered into a combined school agreement with SMCS to allow eligible returning students to receive a voucher for two years. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the returning Holy Spirit students entering 4K, kindergarten, and grade 1 will be eligible.

Family Size	Single Parent 2019* Income	Married 2019* Income
2	\$ 37,202	XX
3	\$ 46,926	\$ 53,926
4	\$ 56,650	\$ 63,650
5	\$ 66,374	\$ 73,374
6	\$ 76,098	\$ 83,098
7	\$ 85,822	\$ 92,822
8	\$ 95,546	\$ 102,546
9	\$ 105,270	\$ 112,270
10	\$ 114,994	\$ 121,994

*2018 income can be used to qualify if you apply for the WPCP prior to filing 2019 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 period, **February 3-April 16, 2020** available at <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. An email address is required to apply. In addition, parents must provide supporting documentation directly to Holy Spirit Catholic School within the application period. Applicants are strongly encouraged to call Mike Zuleger prior to completing the application.

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 Mike Zuleger (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 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 the Holy Spirit Catholic School during the application period.**

How are students chosen to participate in WPCP at Holy Spirit Catholic School?

The DPI will randomly draw from among eligible, valid applications. Parents are notified by the DPI via email in the summer regarding acceptance or waitlist status.

Do I need to reapply for WPCP every year if my child receives a voucher at Holy Spirit 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 questions or would like to set up a private consult, contact Mike Zuleger at mike.zuleger@holyspiritknights.org or 920-733-2651 . More information on the program can be found at the Department of Public Instruction website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs>.