

You Now Have A Choice!

Did you know your child could attend Catholic Central High School tuition free? They can if they qualify for the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program!*

What is the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)*?

The *WPCP* allows families to receive a voucher from the state of Wisconsin to enroll their children in a qualifying private or religious school tuition free!

Why *WPCP*?

There are many reasons why families across the state of Wisconsin have chosen to benefit from the *WPCP*: Smaller class sizes; religious affiliation; self-discipline; moral values; leadership development; caring and effective teachers in a safe and disciplined environment are just a few. Where your child attends school is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. The *WPCP* gives you access to the school of your choice tuition free.

What Wisconsin Families are Eligible to Apply for a Voucher?

Residents of the state of Wisconsin, outside of the Milwaukee and Racine Unified School Districts, with a family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level, are eligible to receive a voucher to attend a registered private or religious school through the *WPCP*.

185% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2017-18

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Yearly Income*</u>
1	\$21,978
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647

For each additional member add \$7,696

Entry Points Explained

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, any pupil entering grades K4, K5, 1st, or 9th grade is eligible, provided they meet the income and residency requirements. If the student is not in any of the grades listed above, they are only eligible if they are transferring from a public school or have never been enrolled in school (i.e. home-schooled).

District Cap Explained

The budget specifies that in the 2016-17 school year no more than 1% of the total number of pupils residing in a school district can participate in the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program*. After the 2016-17 school year, that 1% will increase by an additional percent each year, (2% for the 2017-18 school year), until a 10% threshold is reached in 2025-26. By the school year 2026-27, the program will have no limit on the amount of students that can participate. Annually, the Department of Public Instruction calculates the cap per district and enforces it when it conducts the random lottery.

How Do I Apply?

Parents or guardians must apply online from February 1st - April 20th for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. Income and residency verification must be submitted to the school to which you are applying.

Catholic Central High School and the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program*

Catholic Central High School is committed to exploring all opportunities to make Catholic education accessible and affordable for all families who are interested. Participating in the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program* is just one of the many ways that we honor that commitment. The *WPCP* enables parents to choose the best educational environment for their child and allows students throughout the State of Wisconsin to attend private and religious schools tuition-free through a voucher provided by the state.

The *WPCP* allows families in Burlington, Delavan, East Troy, Elkhorn, Lake Geneva, Union Grove, Waterford and all the surrounding communities access to the outstanding educational and extra-curricular programs we offer here at Catholic Central High School, especially those families who in the past could not afford to attend. Students applying to participate in the *WPCP* could be attending Catholic Central High School as soon as this coming fall of 2017.

Questions?

Should you have any questions regarding the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program*, please contact any of the following persons here at Catholic Central High School. They will be more than willing to assist you:

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