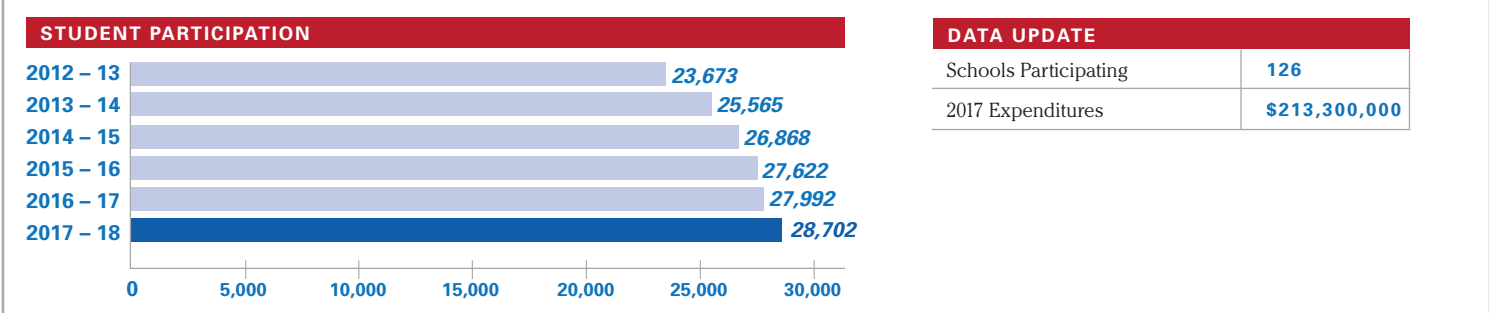




<p><i>This program ranks</i></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #c00000;">5th</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #c00000;">out of 11</p> <p><i>Voucher Programs</i></p>	<p>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must live in the Milwaukee Public School District • Family income below 300% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$73,800 for family of four in 2018), with an additional \$7,000 allowed for households with married parents
<p>PROGRAM TYPE</p> <p>Voucher – Means-tested</p>	<p>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet state nondiscrimination policies • Meet state health and safety codes • Allow students to opt out of religious programs • Administer to scholarship recipients the Wisconsin Forward exam for science in grades 4 and 8; social studies in grades 4, 8 and 10; and English language arts and math in grades 3-8 • Administer to scholarship recipients in high school: the ACT suite of assessments and a civics test composed of the same 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (scholarship students must correctly answer at least 65 of those questions to receive a high school diploma) • Receive accreditation within three years of participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program; current participating schools adding grades or creating a new school are exempt • Submit to the state an annual financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant • Admit eligible students on a random basis • Provide the state with evidence of sound fiscal practices and financial viability to the state • Require school administrators to undergo financial training and to have at least a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin teacher or administrator license • Require teachers to have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin teacher license and teacher aides to have a high school diploma, a GED or an HSED • Provide 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1-6 and 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7-12 • Provide the state with information about the academic program at the participating school and student test score data
<p>18 out of 32 pts. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</p>	
<p>26 out of 48 pts. PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE</p>	
<p>18 out of 24 pts. ACCOUNTABILITY</p>	
<p>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7,530 (for K-8) • \$8,176 (for 9-12) • Each year, the scholarship cap will increase by a percentage equal to the percentage increase given to Wisconsin public schools 	
<p>ENROLLMENT CAP</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>PROGRAM FUNDING</p> <p>\$213.3 million</p>	
<p>YEAR ENACTED</p> <p>1990</p>	





STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Family income cannot exceed 220% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$54,120 for family of four in 2018), with an additional \$7,000 allowed for households with married parents
- Student must reside outside of the Milwaukee Public School District and the Racine Unified School District
- Enrolled in public school the previous school year, entering school for the first time, or applying to attend kindergarten, 1st grade or 9th grade at a participating private school
- Homeschooled students are also eligible
 - Starting in 2018-19 school year, students entering any grade are eligible if they were previously placed on a waiting list as a result of school district enrollment limits

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Meet state nondiscrimination policies
- Allow students to opt out of religious programs
- Admit eligible students on a random basis
- Administer to scholarship recipients the Wisconsin Forward exam for science in grades 4 and 8; social studies in grades 4, 8 and 10; and English language arts and math in grades 3-8
- Administer to scholarship recipients in high school the ACT suite of assessments and a civics test composed of the same 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Receive accreditation within three years of participating in the program
- Submit to the state a financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant
- Provide the state with evidence of sound fiscal practices and financial viability
- Require school administrators to undergo financial training and to have at least a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin teacher or administrator license
- Require teachers to have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin teacher license and teacher aides to have a high school diploma or a GED or an HSED
- Provide the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction with information about the academic program at the participating school and student test score data
- Meet all health and safety codes

This program ranks

3rd

out of 11

Voucher Programs

23 out of 32 pts. | **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

24 out of 48 pts. | **PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

18 out of 24 pts. | **ACCOUNTABILITY**

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher
– Means-tested

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- \$7,530 (for K-8)
- \$8,176 (for 9-12)
- Each year, the scholarship cap will increase by a percentage equal to the percentage increase given to Wisconsin public schools

ENROLLMENT CAP

Each district’s enrollment will be capped at 2% of its public school district enrollment. The enrollment cap increases by one percent each school year until 2025-26, when the cap will be lifted.

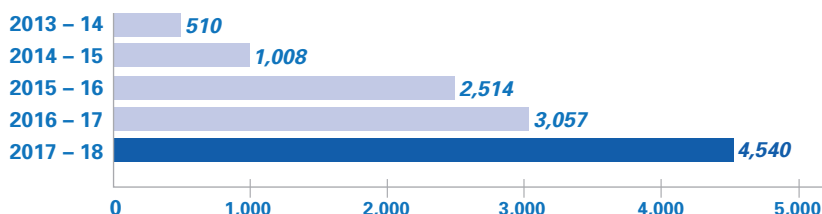
PROGRAM FUNDING

\$33.9 million

YEAR ENACTED

2013

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools Participating	154
2017 Expenditures	\$33,957,000



This program ranks

4th

out of 11

Voucher Programs

17 out of 32 pts. | **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

28 out of 48 pts. | **PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

18 out of 24 pts. | **ACCOUNTABILITY**

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher

- Means-tested

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- \$7,530 (for K-8)
- \$8,176 (for 9-12)
- Each year, the scholarship cap will increase by a percentage equal to the percentage increase given to Wisconsin public schools

ENROLLMENT CAP

None

PROGRAM FUNDING

\$22.3 million

YEAR ENACTED

2011

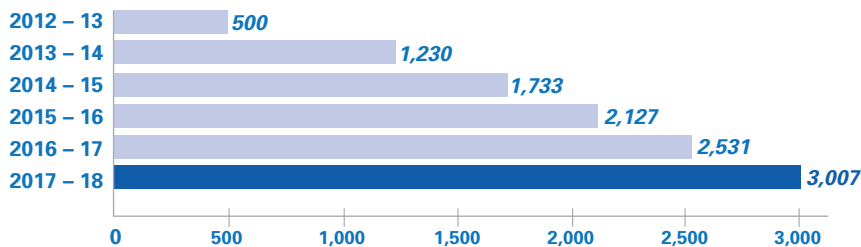
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Student must live in the Racine Unified School District
- Family income below 300% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$73,800 for family of four in 2018), with an additional \$7,000 allowed for households with married parents
- Student must be enrolled in public school in the Racine Unified School District the previous school year, be entering school for the first time or be applying to attend kindergarten, 1st grade or 9th grade at a participating private school
- Homeschooled students are also eligible

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Meet state nondiscrimination policies
- Meet health and safety codes
- Admit eligible students on a random basis
- Allow students to opt out of religious programs
- Administer to scholarship recipients the Wisconsin Forward exam for science in grades 4 and 8; social studies in grades 4, 8 and 10; and English language arts and math in grades 3-8
- Administer to scholarship recipients in high school the ACT suite of assessments and a civics test composed of the same 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Receive accreditation within three years of participating in the program
- Submit to the state an annual financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant
- Provide the state evidence of sound fiscal practices and financial viability
- Require school administrators to undergo financial training and to have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin teacher or administrator license
- Require teachers to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education or a Wisconsin license, and require teacher aides to have a high school diploma, a GED or an HSED
- Provide the state with information about the academic program at the participating schools and student test score data

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Scholarships Awarded	3,007
Schools Participating	23
2017 Expenditures	\$22,356,000



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Student must:
 - Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or services plan in effect and enrolled in a Wisconsin public school for the entire year immediately preceding school year
 - Have applied to attend one or more public schools in nonresident school districts under the state’s open enrollment program in school year 2011-12 or after, and have been denied enrollment by the nonresident school districts
 - Have previously attended a public school
- Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the prior year public school attendance and open enrollment denial requirements are eliminated

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be approved as a private school by the state superintendent or have received accreditation as of August 1 preceding the school term for which a scholarship is awarded
- Admit eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis
- Comply with all health and safety laws or codes that apply to private schools
- Hold a valid certificate of occupancy
- Comply with the federal nondiscrimination requirements of 42 U.S.C. §200d
- Conduct criminal background checks of employees
- Submit annually to the state a financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant
- File a surety bond with the state, if the school receives more than \$50,000 in scholarship money, equal to 25% of the total amount, or provide the state evidence of financial viability
- Provide each applicant a profile of the school’s special education program, including methods of instruction and the qualifications of the teachers and others who will be providing special education and related services
- Implement the student’s most recent IEP or services plan upon request, as modified by agreement between the school and the parents
- Provide a record of the implementation of the student’s IEP or services plan, including an evaluation of the child’s progress to the school board in which the student resides
- Report regularly to parents on the student’s progress
- Administer pupil assessments approved by the state superintendent upon parent request

Because of the unique nature of special education programs, this Guidebook does not score or rank programs that serve students with special needs.

PROGRAM TYPE
 Voucher
 – Special needs

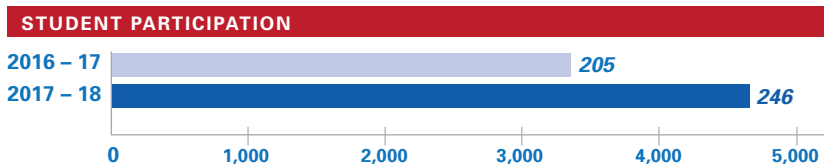
SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- \$12,207 (school year 2017-18)
- Scholarship amounts increase annually by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in general school aid to Wisconsin public schools
- Partial scholarships are provided to students who are determined to no longer be in need of special education; the partial scholarship amount is equal to \$7,530 for K-8 and \$8,176 for 9-12 (school year 2017-18)

ENROLLMENT CAP
 None

PROGRAM FUNDING
 \$2.9 million

YEAR ENACTED
 2015



DATA UPDATE

Schools Participating	28
2017 Expenditures	\$2,962,000