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Enrollment Season Is Here

February marks an important season for families and schools across Wisconsin. Applications for the **2026–27** school year are now open for Wisconsin's Private School Choice Programs, bringing meaningful progress and expanded access for communities statewide. Families may apply from February 2 through February 20, with additional monthly application periods available through September.

As enrollment moves forward participation continues to grow statewide, with **433** schools now taking part in one or more of Wisconsin's four parental choice programs, including **21** schools joining for the first time. Additionally, district-level participation caps in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) have been lifted, meaning participation will no longer be limited by district seat restrictions. Families in **West Allis, Watertown, Manitowoc, and Reedsville**, where caps had restricted access for years, will directly benefit from this reform.

This update represents a meaningful step forward in expanding educational opportunity across Wisconsin. As we celebrate this momentum, we remain focused on the work ahead. Enrollment season is one of the busiest times of the year, and our team is actively engaged—sharing timely updates, supporting schools as new processes take effect, and maintaining a strong presence in policy discussions that impact choice programs statewide.

SCW remains committed to ensuring families have clear, accurate information, schools have dependable support, and policymakers understand the value these programs bring to communities across the state. We encourage you to stay connected with us on social media to hear firsthand stories from families and schools and to follow important updates throughout the enrollment season. Thank you for being part of this growing movement.

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In case you missed it!

National School Choice Week Recap

National School Choice Week (NSCW) was a tremendous success, bringing together students, educators, families, and lawmakers to celebrate educational opportunity across Wisconsin. This year's rally and events reflected the continued strength and growth of Wisconsin's parental choice programs.

By the Numbers:

- **925** students were in attendance
- **41** legislative meetings and thank-you visits were conducted with lawmakers by our schools
- **19** schools participated, including three virtual schools.



NSCW once again demonstrated the strength and unity of Wisconsin's choice community. Your participation and engagement ensure that the voices of Wisconsin families continue to be heard at the Capitol and across the state.

WPCP Changes for 2026-27 Enrollment

Schools now manage applications directly: In the past, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) centrally managed applications, random selection, and waitlists.

Under the new process, participating schools will manage applications from start to finish, including:

- Verifying and submitting applications
- Conducting random draws or lotteries if needed
- Managing waitlists
- Notifying families of application decisions
- Submitting address changes and updates

What Stays the Same

- Parents must apply every year
- Eligibility requirements remain in place, including:
- Grade entry levels and prior-year enrollment rules
- Income and residency requirements
- Families must submit supporting documentation by the end of each enrollment period
- Final address verification for WPCP remains tied to the third Friday in September



For specific information, visit schoolchoicewi.org/enroll or scan the QR code.

New Schools Joining the Private School Choice Programs for 2026-27

433 private schools and school systems will participate in one or more of Wisconsin's four School Choice Programs. This includes 21 schools joining a parental choice program for the first time.

Of the schools joining for the first time:

- 18 schools are new to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)
- 6 schools are new to the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)
- 2 schools are new to the Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP)

(Schools may participate in more than one program.)

Schools Joining

Acton Academy Oshkosh Inc; Christian Life School (Kenosha);
DaySpring Christian School (Pewaukee);
Delavan Christian School (Delavan);
Firm Foundation Academy (Ladysmith);
Immanuel Lutheran Grade School (Marshfield);
Madison Waldorf School (Madison);
Mount Zion Christian School (Lake Geneva);
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School (Rhineland);
New Hope Christian School (Neenah);
NOVA (Milwaukee);

Sacred Heart School (Cashton);
Saint Alphonsus Grade School (Greendale);
Saint Augustine Prep North Campus (Glendale);
Saint Paul Lutheran School (Tomah);
Saint Sava Orthodox School (Milwaukee);
Saint Therese Catholic School (Watertown);
Shalom High (Milwaukee);
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School (Marshfield);
Venture Academy (Chippewa Falls);
Victory Christian School (Tomah).