




DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF VOUCHERS

- CONTRARY TO THE NOTION OF THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF EDUCATION
- THE GOAL IS TO DISMANTLE PUBLIC EDUCATION
- EVERYONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT RELIGION - BUT WE LOST THAT ARGUMENT YEARS AGO
- LACK OF TRANSPARENCY FOR THE PUBLIC, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES
- ERODE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- ERODE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONTRARY TO THE MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION


- Public Purpose
- Public Access
- Public Accountability
- Public Curriculum
- Public Funding



ALEC AGENDA FOR VOUCHERS AND PRIVATIZATION

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Cashing in on Kids
 172 ALEC Education Bills
 Promote Private For-Profit
 Education Model in 2015



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ESTABLISHMENT ISSUES AND VOUCHERS

- LOTS OF U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS ON FUNDS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS [OYEZ LIST](#)
- MOST NOTABLY ZELMAN V. SIMMONS HARRIS (2002) [ZOBREST](#)
- LAST (OR MOST RECENT) NAIL IN THE COFFIN: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH V. COMER (2017) [TRINITY](#)

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

- WHAT PROTECTIONS DO STUDENTS HAVE?
 - RIGHTS OF ALL STUDENTS
 - RIGHTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS
- WHAT ASSURANCES DO TAXPAYERS HAVE THAT FUNDS ARE USED WELL?
- IS IT CLEAR WHERE THE FUNDING COMES AND GOES?
- WISCONSIN VOUCHERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HIDDEN FROM DEBATE IN BUDGET BILLS!

WHAT KIND OF VOUCHERS ARE THERE

- **VOUCHERS**
 - CITY, STATEWIDE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, SPECIAL INTEREST
- **TAX CREDITS/ TAX DEDUCTIONS**
- **TAX SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**
- **OTHER PRIVATIZATION PLOWS, E.G. INDEPENDENT CHARTERS, SCHOOL TAKEOVERS, PRIVATE CONTRACTORS**

NATIONAL PICTURE



WISCONSIN PICTURE

• [HTTPS://WWW.EDCHOICE.ORG/SCHOOL-CHOICE/STATE/WISCONSIN/](https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/state/wisconsin/)



SCHOOL CHOICE IN WISCONSIN

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

- **INTRA-DISTRICT CHOICE**
- **MAGNET SCHOOLS**
- **VIRTUAL SCHOOLS**
- **CHAPTER 220**
- **STATEWIDE OPEN ENROLLMENT**
- **CHARTER SCHOOLS**
 - AUTHORIZED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
 - INSTRUMENTALITY
 - NON-INSTRUMENTALITY
 - AUTHORIZED BY OTHER ENTITIES
 - NON-INSTRUMENTALITY

PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE

- **MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (1990)**
- **RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (2011)**
- **WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (2013)**
- **SPECIAL NEEDS VOUCHERS (2015)**
- **TUITION TAX DEDUCTION (2013)**

MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (MPCP)

- **PASSED IN 1990**
- **THE FIRST PUBLICLY FUNDED VOUCHER PROGRAM OF ITS TYPE IN THE UNITED STATES**
- **PERMITTED UP TO ONE PERCENT (1%) OR APPROXIMATELY 1000 OF THE ENROLLED CHILDREN IN MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MPS) TO ATTEND PRIVATE NON-SECTARIAN SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CITY'S LIMITS**
- **STUDENTS ELIGIBLE IF THEIR FAMILY'S INCOME WAS NO MORE THAN 175% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.** 300 the first year of eligibility.
- **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WERE LIMITED TO ENROLLING NO MORE THAN 49% OF THEIR OVERALL STUDENT POPULATION BY MEANS OF THE VOUCHER**
- **WHICH PROVIDE:**
 - \$7,323/student in grades K-8
 - \$7,969/student in grades 9-12

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Fiscal Year	Number of MPCP Schools	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students	MPCP FTE Student Payment	MPCP Total State Aid Payments/ Program Cost
1990-91	6	300	\$2,446	\$733,800
1998-99	83	5,761	\$4,894	\$28,194,300
2008-09	123	19,428	\$6,607	\$127,061,900
2010-11	100	20,256	\$6,442	\$129,183,100
2016-17	121	26,913	\$7,323/\$7,969	\$201,918,000
2017-18 (estimated)	126	27,670	\$7,530/\$8,176	\$213,300,000
2018-19 (estimated)	TBD	28,170	\$7,747/\$8,393	\$223,600,000

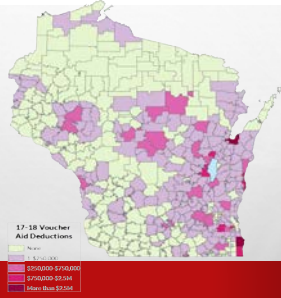
Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP)

Fiscal Year	Number of RPCP Schools	Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students	RPCP FTE Student Payment	RPCP Total State Aid Payments/ Program Cost
2011-12	8	219	\$6,442	\$1,408,200
2012-13	11	485	\$6,442	\$3,125,300
2013-14	13	1,169	\$6,442	\$7,529,400
2014-15	15	1,659	\$7,210/\$7,856	\$12,154,300
2015-16	19	2,057	\$7,214/\$7,860	\$15,089,900
2016-17	19	2,420	\$7,323/\$7,969	\$18,022,900
2017-18 (estimated)	23	2,915	\$7,530/\$8,176	\$22,356,000
2018-19 (estimated)	TBD	3,300	\$7,747/\$8,393	\$26,131,900

	WPCP Schools	Equivalent (FTE) Students	Payment	Payments/ Program Cost
2013-14	25	498	\$6,442	\$3,212,300
2014-15	31	994	\$7,210/\$7,856	\$7,345,200
2015-16	82	2,483	\$7,214/\$7,860	\$18,369,200
2016-17	121	2,978	\$7,323/\$7,969	\$22,382,500
2017-18 (estimated)	154	4,403	\$7,530/\$8,176	\$33,925,000
2018-19 (estimated)	TBD	7,150	\$7,747/\$8,393	\$56,600,000

WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM HISTORY

2017-18 WPCP/RPCP STATE GENERAL AID DEDUCTIONS



CHOICE PROGRAM EXPANSION 2012-13 TO 2017-18

Fiscal Year	# of SNSP Private Schools	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students	# of Districts with SNSP Student	SNSP Direct State GPR Funding	State General Aid Deduction/ Local Property Taxpayer Funding
2016-17	26	215	22	0	\$2,580,000
2017-18 (estimated)	28	244	25	0	\$2,962,000
2018-19 (estimated)	TBD	750	TBD	0	\$9,318,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION VOUCHERS

Table 1: Participation in the Choice Program:

Fiscal Year	Milwaukee		Racine		Twinville	
	Schools	Membership	Schools	Membership	Schools	Membership
1990-91	7	300				
1991-92	8	512				
1992-93	11	194				
1993-94	12	704				
1994-95	12	771				
1995-96	17	1,288				
1996-97	30	1,858				
1997-98	13	1,487				
1998-99	83	3,781				
1999-00	90	5,275				
2000-01	100	6,318				
2001-02	102	10,497				
2002-03	102	11,304				
2003-04	106	11,881				
2004-05	117	14,071				
2005-06	123	14,804				
2006-07	124	17,088				
2007-08	133	18,378				
2008-09	137	18,426				
2009-10	111	20,372				
2010-11	102	20,204				
2011-12	104	21,250	4	316		
2012-13	112	21,811	11	485		
2013-14	119	24,811	19	1,108	23	490
2014-15	113	25,763	15	1,600	21	994
2015-16	117	26,470	19	2,017	82	3,483
2016-17	121	27,302	19	2,464	121	3,993

Table 2: Estimated Choice Program Costs (in \$Million): 2012-16 and 2018-17

	Milwaukee*		Racine and Twinville		Total	
	2012-16	2018-17	2012-16	2018-17	2012-16	2018-17
GPR	\$104.4	\$201.7	\$11.0	\$43.9	\$220.0	\$344.4
Aid Deduction	\$8.8	\$8.1	\$5.5	\$9.4	\$19.4	\$17.5
Net GPR	\$113.2	\$193.6	\$16.5	\$53.3	\$235.3	\$361.9

*Includes high priority aid.

HOW MUCH ??

COSTS 2016 -17	
MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE	\$209.7 MILLION
RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE	\$18.3 MILLION
WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE	\$22.6 MILLION
SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$2.4 MILLION
INDEPENDENT CHARTERS	\$62.2 MILLION
TOTAL SPENDING	\$309.2 MILLION

DURING A TIME WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST CUTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN WISCONSIN HISTORY

VOUCHER FUNDING GENERALLY COMES FROM 4 SOURCES

1. STATE AID FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PRIVATE STUDENT RESIDES
2. THE STATEWIDE POOL OF AID ALLOCATED FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3. CUTS TO PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN A DISTRICT THAT PAID FOR VOUCHERS
4. ADDITIONAL TAX TO LOCAL TAXPAYERS WHEN SCHOOL BOARDS MUST INCREASE LOCAL LEVIES TO MAKE UP FOR LOSSES SENT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

ERODE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- CUT FUNDING
- BLAME RESULTS ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- INCREASE SUPPORT FOR PRIVATES
- REPEAT CYCLE UNTIL PUBLIC SYSTEM IS DESTROYED



WISCONSIN CONST ART. X, SEC. 3

"THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE ... FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS, WHICH SHALL BE AS NEARLY UNIFORM AS PRACTICABLE; AND SUCH SCHOOLS SHALL BE FREE ... TO ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4 AND 20 YEARS; ..." (UNIFORMITY CLAUSE)

EVERY ELECTION MATTERS

From school board to referenda, state to national.

