

# MILWAUKEE'S EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

	<b>Milwaukee Parental Choice Program</b>	<b>Milwaukee Charter Schools Program</b>	<b>Milwaukee Public Schools</b>
<b>Student eligibility</b>	Milwaukee residency. For initial entry, family income may not exceed 175% of federal poverty level, \$35,843 for a family of four in 2007-2008.	Milwaukee residency.	Milwaukee residency.
<b>Other eligibility standards</b>	K-12 eligibility. Once a student is in MPCP, family income may rise to 220% of the federal poverty level, \$45,057 for a family of four in 2007-2008.	K-12 eligibility.	K-12 eligibility. Requirements differ. Some schools have none; others have performance, academic, or other requirements.
<b>Maximum student participation</b>	No more than 22,500 students. Participation for 2007-2008 was 18,550 (FTE) in 122 schools.	Unlimited. Total participation for 2006-2007 is 16,152 students in 54 schools. MPS chartered 29 schools with 8,469 students; the City of Milwaukee and UWM chartered 13 schools with 2,982 students.	Unlimited. Approximately 91,000 students attended 227 MPS schools in
<b>Per pupil cost</b>	For 2007-2008, a maximum of <b>\$6,501</b> per pupil or private school's cost of education, whichever is less.	For 2007-2008, <b>\$7,669</b> for City and UWM charters, as well as MPS non-instrumentality (non-union) charters. MPS instrumentality (union) charters received similar per-pupil funding as traditional MPS schools.	For 2007-2008, MPS received an average of <b>\$13,014</b> per pupil.
<b>Selection criteria</b>	Students are accepted on a random basis. Siblings of current participants are given preference.	Students are accepted on a random basis. Information about the schools' focus and curriculum is carefully explained to interested parents.	Students select their first three choices, and generally get placed at one of these as long as space is available. Certain schools have specific eligibility criteria.
<b>Regulations for participating schools</b>	Must comply with state's private school laws and federal civil rights laws. Must comply with a variety of financial standards. Must comply with health and safety codes that apply to public schools. Must allow MPCP students to opt out of religious activity. Must achieve accreditation from an approved body within three years of participation in the MPCP, or be approved for PAVE scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year. All schools must give nationally normed standardized tests as part of a longitudinal study.	Must comply with federal civil rights laws and health and safety codes that apply to public schools. The local chartering agency determines the specific rules of operation. Must be non-sectarian. May not charge tuition. Random selection for over-enrollment.	Must comply with all federal and state regulations governing K-12 schools.