



## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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TO: Representative Gordon Hintz  
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SUBJECT: GPR Funding as Amount and Percentage Change to 2010-11 for Private School Choice Programs

At your request, I am providing information relating to GPR funding budgeted for private school choice programs from 2010-11 to 2018-19.

Under the Milwaukee, Racine, and statewide private school choice programs, the state pays a statutorily-determined amount for each pupil attending a private school under the programs. In 2017-18, the payment is equal to \$7,530 for a pupil in grades K-8 and \$8,176 for a pupil in grades 9-12.

Since the beginning of the Milwaukee private school choice program, DPI has been required by law to reduce the general aid for which MPS is eligible in each year by a percentage of the estimated total cost of the program. In 2017-18, the aid reduction is equal to 22.4%, and it will equal 19.2% in 2018-19. This percentage will be reduced by 3.2 percentage points each year until no aid reduction is made beginning in 2024-25.

Additionally, beginning in 2015-16, the full cost of payments for incoming pupils in the Racine and statewide programs (pupils who begin participating in the programs in 2015-16 or later) is reduced from the general aid of those pupils' school districts of residence. School districts are able to count those pupils for general aid purposes on a prior year basis, and receive a revenue limit adjustment equal to the amount of the aid reduction in the current year. The full cost of payments for continuing pupils (those who first participated prior to 2015-16) is funded with state GPR.

The following table shows the GPR appropriation amounts for private school choice programs in each fiscal year from 2010-11 through 2018-19, as well as the total aid reduction in each year. Table 1 also presents the change to the prior year as well as the change to 2010-11.

**TABLE 1****Total Cost of Private School Choice Programs  
(\$ in Millions)**

	<u>Total GPR</u>	<u>Aid Reduction</u>	<u>Net GPR</u>			
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change to Prior Year</u>	<u>Change to 2010-11</u>	<u>% Change to 2010-11</u>
2010-11	\$130.8	50.2	\$80.6			
2011-12	145.9	56.0	89.9	\$9.3	\$9.3	11.5%
2012-13	157.8	60.6	97.2	7.3	16.6	20.6
2013-14	171.8	56.7	115.1	17.9	34.5	42.8
2014-15	210.5	61.1	149.4	34.3	68.8	85.4
2015-16	229.9	72.7	157.2	7.8	76.6	95.0
2016-17	244.6	77.6	167.0	9.8	86.4	107.2
2017-18	269.6	90.6	179.0	12.0	98.4	122.1
2018-19	304.6	113.5	191.1	12.1	110.5	137.1

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

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