School vouchers are state funded scholarships that pay for qualifying students to attend private schools. In the past, voucher money came from the state education budget. New legislation now requires local taxpayers to support vouchers.

**Racine Unified School District**

Qualifications: Families of four who are at **300%** of the federal poverty level, or **$72,696**, qualify for a voucher.

There is **no cap** on the number of vouchers that can be issued.

**Other WI School Districts**

Qualifications: Families of four who are at **185%** of the federal poverty level, or **$44,828**, qualify for a voucher.

The number of vouchers is **capped at 2%** of District’s enrollment.

**How do we pay for these vouchers?**

- **Student leaving RUSD to attend a voucher school.**
  - **New Legislation:** Increased **property tax levy** pays for voucher. RUSD tax levy is expected to increase **$2.5 million**.
  - **District budget absorbs** cost of the voucher through budget adjustments.

**Voucher Cost**

- $7,210 for an elementary student
- $7,856 for secondary students
- $12,000 for students with educational disability