



Pre-College

STUDENT RESOURCES



Commuter Student Guide

PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER OFFICE: 401 454-6551

WORK/LIFE BALANCE

Many Pre-College students choose to commute to the program, often finding it strikes a good balance between college life and support systems at home. You may find—as many past commuting students have reported—that you're able to stay even more focused on your work by working both in the studio and at home.

If you commute, consider how to balance home and work life with developing new friendships and staying an engaged member of the RISD community. To help with that, commuting students are encouraged to attend all Pre-College events and weekend trips. You're also welcome to visit with residential students (within the visitor guidelines) and work in the common studio work spaces in the residence halls whenever you need to.

LIVING

RISD Pre-College requires that any student living off campus must be housed with a responsible adult over the age of 18 for the duration of the program. Students found to be living without a responsible adult will be required to make alternative arrangements to rectify the situation within 24 hours.

Commuting students who are unable to make suitable living arrangements for the duration of the program may be dismissed. Parents/guardians and their students are also solely responsible for arranging all transportation to and from RISD. RISD has no role in, does not oversee or monitor, and takes no responsibility for such matters.

CURFEW

Commuting students must leave the RISD campus before the Residence Life curfew time. Curfew is Sunday through Thursday night, from 10 pm–5 am, and Friday and Saturday nights, from 11 pm–5 am. Students who live off campus are still subject to our Academic Policies and our Pre-College Code of Conduct at all times, including when they are off campus (as is true for students who live on campus).



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DINING

The commuter program cost includes a dining plan of 25 meals. Students may purchase additional meals by contacting Dining Services at 401-454-6642, or are able to purchase individual meals at on campus venues on a cash basis or with risdbucks.

CARD SERVICES

Phone: 401 454-6664

Email: cardservices@risd.edu

Location: East Hall Room 8 (48 Waterman Street)

RISD ID CARD

Library card: Borrowing from the [Fleet Library at RISD](#) is easy. Simply bring your books to the circulation desk and present your RISD ID card.

Pay for prints: Funds to pay for printing may be added to your RISD ID card at risdbucks.risd.edu, or you can [download the iOS app](#) or the [Android app](#) for your mobile device.

RISDBUCKS

Risdbucks is an optional prepaid debit account that lets you purchase products and services on campus (wherever you see the risdbucks logo) using your RISD ID card. These include printing, laundry, on-campus vending and cafés, and purchases at the RISD Store.

You and authorized family members can add funds by visiting risdbucks.risd.edu. Students log in using your RISD email username and password. Family members log in using the student's last name, ID number and date of birth. [More information about risdbucks.](#)

RISDBUCKS LOCATIONS

Card Services, 48 Waterman Avenue, Providence
Carr Haus, 210 Benefit Street, Providence
Center for Student Involvement, 2 College Street, Providence
Experimental and Foundation Studies Division
Fleet Library at RISD, 15 Westminster Street, Providence
Jolly Roger Deli, 257 South Main Street, Providence
Mail Services, 20 Washington Place, Providence
The Met, 34 Waterman Street, Providence
Nature Lab, 13 Waterman Street, Providence
Portfolio Café, 15 Westminster Street, Providence
risd:store, 30 North Main Street, Providence
risd:store 3D, 12 North Main Street, Providence
vending machines throughout RISD campus
Watermark Café, 30 North Main Street, Providence





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PARKING

On-street parking is available but can be limited on RISD's campus. If no on-street parking is available, you may park in garages or municipal lots nearby. Unfortunately, RISD parking stickers are not available to Pre-College students.

[Get more information on parking in Providence.](#)

[Providence Parking Map](#)

Nearby Street Parking Options

- Benefit Street (11 spaces) - Parking only available from noon to 6 pm Monday to Friday
- South Water Street - East Side (16 spaces) Parking only available from 10 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday
- South Water Street - West Side (20 spaces) Parking only available from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday
- Washington Place (5 spaces) Parking only available from noon to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

LOCKERS

Lockers in academic buildings are given priority to instructors and commuting students. The Pre-College Summer Office can provide students with the location of, and availability of, lockers near their class.

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Commuting students have the same access to program-wide trips and activities. Students will use the RISD mobile app to sign up for off-campus trips in advance. These trips have a limited number of spaces. We encourage our commuter students to attend trips and other activities throughout the summer.

