



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, you’ll need to 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).

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 developed to be a convenient and safe way for students to make purchases of products and services both on and off campus (wherever you see the risdbucks logo). The account functions much like any other bank debit card, with two major differences:

1. funds deposited in the account may only be used on campus or at participating merchants
2. cash withdrawals are prohibited

The account allows you to view transaction history, report a lost (or found) card and view real-time account, meal plan and bonus dining points balances.

RISDBUCKS LOCATIONS

Card Services, 48 Waterman Avenue, Providence
Carr Haus, 210 Benefit Street, Providence
Center for Student Involvement, 2 College Street, Providence
CVS, 481 Angell Street, Providence
CVS, 799 Hope 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, 30 North Main Street, 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

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.

Metered Parking

- There are over 2,300 metered parking spots located Downtown, Jewelry District, College Hill, Wayland Square, Atwells Avenue and Smith Hill.
- The current meter rate is \$1.25 per hour, or 25 cents for every 12 minutes.
- Short-term parking costs are \$0.75 for 30 minutes or 25 cents for every 10 minutes.
- Parking meters accept coins, but the easiest way to pay for parking is on the Passport phone app. [Download the Passport app here.](#)



- Using the Passport phone app, add money to your passport app using the wallet feature by credit card and avoid the 2-hour minimum requirement
- [Map of metered locations and parking facilities](#)

Non-Metered, Free Parking

Many non-metered parking spots exist in the City of Providence; some non-metered spaces have time restrictions. On-street parking in Providence is never allowed between 2 AM and 5 AM.

Please comply with all posted curb use signs. Do not park your vehicle in a No Parking zone, or a zone dedicated to another use, like handicap parking, commercial or passenger loading, or bus stops.

Parking on the sidewalk is illegal. Though many Providence roads are narrow, it is important to maintain accessible sidewalk space for pedestrians and people who may be using mobility devices. There are well over 20,000 parking spaces in public and private parking lots and garages within walking distance of most destinations.

[Providence Parking Map](#)

City 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 My RISD app to sign up for off-campus trips in advance. Please note these trips have a limited number of spaces. We encourage our commuter students to attend trips and other activities throughout the summer Pre-College Program.