

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

2026-2027 Academic Year Housing and Dining License

For students living on campus during the academic session (September – May), this license is binding for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. Students who opt into the 12-month housing option (May 2026 – May 2027) agree to the extended terms outlined in the Housing Portal and are bound by this license for the full duration of their selected term. Rhode Island School of Design (“RISD” or “College”), as an artistic and academic community, intends to provide a residential atmosphere where art, design, study, and learning can take place alongside healthy recreation, relaxation, and social development. This balanced atmosphere is dependent upon the willingness of all RISD community members to associate in such a way that personal freedom and responsibility co-exist.

Any student applying to, or having moved into, a RISD residential facility, acknowledges therefore, the need for socially responsible behavior. They recognize the role of the Residence Life Staff in promoting such behavior and will accept reasonable disciplinary action for disregarding such behavior.

The student agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to Residence Life and Dining Services during the period covered by this agreement as outlined herein, and within the RISD Code of Student Conduct policies available online at <http://policies.risd.edu/student-life-policies/>.

Students must be enrolled at RISD on either a full-time or part-time basis. However, full-time students will be given priority in housing assignments.

Students will submit a signed copy of this License through the housing application via the Housing Portal. The act of submitting a housing application of any type, or the act of accepting entry to any residence facility, indicates acceptance of the terms of the Housing License.

License Dates and Occupancy Periods

Fall Semester	Wintersession	Spring Semester
Monday, September 7, 2026 – Saturday, December 19, 2026	Wednesday, January 6, 2027 – Thursday, February 11, 2027	Wednesday, February 17, 2027 – Saturday, May 29, 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A daily room and board rate will be applied for any new or returning students that start during Wintersession.• Some new students will be invited to participate in a pre-orientation program and may be invited to campus earlier depending upon the program.• Returning students who wish to return to campus earlier than September 7, 2026 may request a Housing Extension (outlined below).• Wintersession is included for students who live in housing for the entire academic year. Students who leave RISD after the Fall Semester, or who wish to live on campus for the Spring Semester only, may request permission to live on campus during Wintersession. Information about this request process will be communicated to students directly who are in this situation.• All students must properly check out of the Residence Halls and remove all of their items by 12 p.m. of the designated move-out dates unless the student has received prior approval for a Housing Extension from Residence Life. Students must completely remove their items from their assigned space even if they are returning to the space next semester. Students cannot store their items on-campus within the Residence Halls.• Students who are graduating in June will be invited to remain in their on-campus rooms until Sunday, June 6, 2027 at no additional cost. Residents must properly check out of the Residence Halls by 12 p.m. on June 6, 2027.• Students residing on campus for both Fall and Wintersession and/or Wintersession and Spring are not required to vacate between terms. However, those assigned to a different Spring housing location must relocate between February 11-15 unless otherwise notified.• Dining hours and options will vary during certain times of the year. See info site https://info.risd.edu/dining-catering/ or the RISD Mobile app for Dining Venue hours.		

Academic Year Housing Extensions

Generally

Residence Life may offer students the opportunity to remain in their room outside of the standard license dates and occupancy periods. Students who request and are granted approval to arrive early, leave late, or stay over the Winter Break as designated by the Registrar’s Office may do so following the pricing guidelines below. Any student granted a housing extension is expected to abide by the same policies and expectations as established during the standard occupancy periods. However, guests are not allowed during extension periods. On-campus dining and other services may not be available during their extended stay, as service hours are designed to coincide with the Academic calendar.

Charges

RISD housing rates will be established and published by Residence Life on its website.

Requesting an Extension (Early Arrival or Late Departure) and Pricing

Late Departures Extension:

Late departures and early arrivals are not guaranteed to be approved. Residents are charged per day for four (4) nights after closing for Fall 2026 and eight (8) nights after closing for Spring 2027. If the student stays past noon on the fifth (5th) day for the Fall or the seventh (9th) day for the Spring semester, then

the student will be charged for the entire Winter Break or summer term session. Students staying late will only be charged for housing. Students who are approved for a late departure will be responsible for providing their own meals. Daily rates and full break charges will be applied to the student's account and are displayed below.

Early Arrivals Extension:

Early arrival requests are approved based on available and prepared spaces on-campus.

Fall

- New students may request a one (1) day early arrival for the Fall for a daily rate. Students arriving early for pre-orientation programs such as for First Generation to College or Brown | RISD Dual Degree are not permitted additional early arrival days.
- Returning students may request up to six (6) days to arrive early for a daily rate for the Fall semester.

Wintersession

- All students that are approved to reside on campus for Wintersession 2027 and wish to return to campus early from Winter Break will be allowed to return one (1) day earlier for the daily rate. Additional early arrival days may be approved for extenuating circumstances, but must be requested in writing via email.

Spring

- Students with spring-only room assignments may request to arrive one (1) day earlier for the daily rate, availability pending. Additional early arrival days may be approved for extenuating circumstances.
- Students with Wintersession and Spring room assignments are not required to vacate between terms and thus do not need to request early arrivals.

Daily rates will be applied to the student's account and are displayed below.

Daily Extensions, Winter Break and Winter Session Pricing					
Fall Semester Daily Early Arrival (includes added meals)*	Fall & Spring Semester Daily Late Departure (no added meals)**	Wintersession and Spring-Only Daily Early Arrival (no added meals)**	Full Winter Break Stay (no added meals)**	New Residential Students Starting During Wintersession (includes added meals) ***	Fall Residential Students Staying During Wintersession but not the Spring semester (included meals) ***
\$70.00	\$35	\$35	\$450	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
<p><i>*Price if the extension request is received more than two (2)weeks in advance. Later requests are subject to additional late fees outlined below. Your Fall meal plan will be in effect during Winter Break while Dining venues are open for service.</i></p> <p><i>** Students living on campus during the winter break may choose to purchase additional dining points or risbucks in addition to their meal allotment for use at campus dining venues when and if available.</i></p> <p><i>*** Students moving into campus housing for Wintersession who did not reside on campus during the previous Fall semester will pay (one thousand two hundred fifty dollars) \$1,250. Also, students who lived on campus during the Fall semester and remain for Wintersession but do not have a Spring room assignment will pay (one thousand two hundred fifty dollars) \$1,250. This cost includes housing and a 50-meal block.</i></p>					

Extension Application Deadlines

All extension application requests are due two (2) weeks prior to the start of the selected term. Students who arrive on campus unannounced or request an extension on the same day as closing without prior approval will be charged one hundred dollars (\$100) if they are approved to move-in early. Students who are found in their residence hall rooms without permission will be charged two hundred dollars (\$200.00), and may face conduct sanctions. Students arriving early or staying late understand that on-campus dining and other services may not be available during their extended stay, as service hours are designed to coincide with the academic calendar. Please note that all of the late application fees are a one-time charge that will be added to the extension rate above. Students requesting a housing extension after the deadline may be denied. Those who apply on time may be required to relocate during the extended housing period to meet the needs of the college.

Early Arrival and Late Departure Application Request Late Fees		
Date Request Submitted	Early Arrival One-Time Late Application Fee	Late Departure One-Time Late Application Fee
**Students who arrive on campus unannounced requesting key or same day requests (closing)	\$100.00	\$100.00

Students found in the halls without permission	\$200.00	\$200.00
**Students that are not approved for an early arrival or arrive unannounced may not be allowed to move into the Residence Halls. Same day requests refers to students that request a later checkout on the same day as closing.		

Canceling an Extension Request

Students who request an extension and then cancel that request must do so prior to the request form closing. Students will be notified once the charge is applied to their account and will have an additional 24 hours to request a cancellation to receive a reversal of said charge. No refund will be issued for students who cancel their request after the 24 hour grace period once charges are applied. In the event of severe weather, RISD may adjust opening and/or closing dates as is determined necessary by the school without charge, and will adjust extension fees accordingly.

Academic Year License Cancellation Policies and Mandatory Live-On Requirement Exemptions

Termination of Agreement by the College

The College reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, either permanently or on an interim basis, at any time due to a violation of this Agreement or College policies (including, but not limited to, the Code of Student Conduct), or for reasons related to order, health (including epidemics, pandemics, or endemics), safety, discipline, academic deficiency, disciplinary suspension or expulsion, or disruptive behavior.

Students whose Agreement is terminated, whether permanently or on an interim basis, must vacate their room, surrender all keys, and remain responsible for all academic year housing costs.

Student Cancellations

A cancellation request refers to when a student, beyond their second year at RISD, requests to terminate their housing and dining license after it has been signed. This student plans to remain enrolled at the college but wishes to transition to commuter status. A student that applies for on-campus housing and dining accepts and commits to those accommodations for the entire license period, unless the College has sufficient demand to allow for the vacancy left by the cancellation to be filled by a student who is not already committed to a housing and dining license. This license is binding for the entire academic year (or extended 12-month option if selected via the housing portal). If there is not sufficient demand, as noted above, the Housing and Dining License can only be canceled if student’s affiliation with the college is terminated for the following reasons:

Non First or Second Year RISD Students Cancellations:

1. Graduation;
2. Call to active military duty;
3. Marriage;
4. Birth of a child;
5. Legal guardian of a minor or dependent;
6. Enrollment in a College-sponsored study abroad program or college approved academic internship along with written notification to Residence Life (housing@risd.edu) by August 1 of the upcoming academic year for Fall semester and December 1 for Wintersession and/or Spring semester.
7. Withdrawal or Leave of Absence from the College; or
8. Academic dismissal.

Student cancellations are at the sole discretion of Residence Life which reserves the right to grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis. In any case, please note that Residence Life will require documentation and proof for the purpose of any cancellation request. Residence Life will not consider the cancellation request without the necessary documents. Signing an off-campus lease while subject to this license neither negates this license nor does it constitute a reason to receive a cancellation approval. This includes students who move-in early.

All agreements are considered final and cancellations are not permitted unless approved as outlined above. Application fees are non-refundable. For any student who withdraws from the college or takes a leave of absence will not be charged a cancellation fee, but the [RISD refund schedule](#) will apply to their semester charges. However, any applicable housing and dining refunds are contingent upon the student’s physical departure from their on-campus housing assignment, not the official start date of their LOA/WD. For students who apply for cancellation, please see the cancellation charge and schedule below:

Timeline / Cancellation Fee	Cancellation Reasons
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\$0	<p>A. Participation in a RISD approved study abroad program along with notification to Residence Life by August 1st for the Fall semester and December 1st for the Wintersession and/or Spring semester.</p> <p>B. Approved cancellations for the reasons mentioned above that occur before June 1st (excluding a RISD approved study abroad program). However, a fee will be accessed if a student receives a timeslot. Please see below in the next section.</p>
\$300	<p>A. Cancellation of housing application after having received a housing selection timeslot, but before selecting a room.</p> <p>B. Participation in a RISD approved study abroad program with notification sent to and received by Residence Life after August 1 for Fall semester and December 1 Wintersession and/or Spring semester.</p>
<p>Fall Cancellation (Students requesting to cancel housing for the full 26-27 academic year):</p> <p>Before June 1: \$500</p> <p>June 1 – July 31: \$1000</p> <p>August 1 – Sep 1: \$1500</p> <p>After Sept 1: 50% of remaining Fall housing costs</p> <p>No refund after the third week of classes</p>	<p>Approved to be released from the housing and dining license after housing is requested and a room has been assigned.</p> <p>*Excluding RISD approved Study Abroad programs which have until August 1 for Fall semester and December 1 for Wintersession and/or Spring semester to notify Residence Life with the proper documentation*</p>
<p>Spring Only Cancellation (Students that had a Fall 2026 housing assignment):</p> <p>Requested by Dec 1: \$1000</p> <p>After Dec 1: 50% of remaining cost</p> <p>No refund after the third week of classes</p>	<p>A. Approved to be released from the housing and dining license after living on campus in the fall.</p> <p>B. Residency Waiver is granted for students to commute from home after having lived on campus in the fall.</p>
<p>Wintersession and Spring Cancellation (Students without a Fall 2026 housing assignment):</p> <p>Requested before timeslot is provided: \$0</p> <p>After time slot is provided but before a room is selected: \$300</p> <p>After a room has been assigned, but before moving in: \$500</p> <p>After the assigned move-in date: 50% of remaining Wintersession and Spring housing costs</p> <p>No refund after the third week of classes</p>	<p>Approved to be released from the housing and dining license after the license has been completed.</p>
<p>Cancellation Fee Notes:</p>	<p><i>Fee is based upon the date the request is received, not the decision date. Requests are not guaranteed to be granted. For any student who withdraws from the college or takes a leave of absence will not be charged a cancellation fee, but the RISD refund schedule will apply to their semester charges. Any student who is released from their license for a study abroad program or leave of absence remains bound to the housing license should they return to RISD before the end of the academic year. All housing cancellation requests can be made by submitting a request via the Housing Portal.</i></p> <p><i>Please see the RISD Refund Schedule for withdrawals and leaves of absence here.</i></p> <p><i>**Refunds will not be granted after the third week of school. If you are approved to cancel your housing and dining license after the third week of the semester, you will not be refunded for the semester and you will not be charged an additional cancellation fee.</i></p>

Student Exemptions

All students are required to reside in on-campus room and board during their first and second year at RISD. An exemption request is defined as a student requesting to live off-campus during their first or second year at RISD and may be made for the following reasons:

First or Second Year RISD Student Exemptions:

1. Living with parent or legal guardian at their permanent address as listed with the institution within thirty (30) miles of the college;
2. Marriage;
3. Birth of a child;
4. Legal guardian of a minor or dependent; or

5. Older than twenty-one (21) years of age by September 1 for this academic year**

**Refer to the age requirement below for students starting or returning from a leave of absence at RISD for the Wintersession or Spring semester.

Student exemptions are at the sole discretion of Residence Life which reserves the right to grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Students who start or return from leave at RISD for the Wintersession must meet these requirements by January 1. Students who start or return from leave at RISD for the spring semester must meet these requirements by February 1. The student must submit a Residency Waiver request to be considered. Please note that Residence Life will require additional documentation and proof before approval is granted. Also, Residence Life will only consider the Residency Waiver request for the Fall semester if it's completed and submitted BEFORE March 31 for returning students, May 25 for new first year students, and May 29 for transfer students. New students entering RISD during the Wintersession and/or Spring term will have until November 30 to submit a Residency Waiver regardless of their starting term. The Wintersession and Spring semester deadline (November 30) does not apply to students with a Fall housing assignment during the previous semester (Fall semester) as the agreement is binding for the entire 2026-2027 academic year. After these dates, Residence Life will not consider this option for approval to be exempt from the room and board requirement. Freshman, Sophomore, and Transfer RISD students who do not apply for on-campus room and board and neglect to apply for an exception will receive a room assignment and be billed for room and board.

12-Month Housing Option

Some students may want to live on-campus all year, including during the winter and summer breaks. Accordingly, a 12-month housing option differs from an academic year license by providing students with the opportunity to extend their academic year housing licenses. The general terms and conditions of an academic year license in addition to all applicable RISD rules, policies, and procedures apply to the 12 month housing option as they would to an academic year license. Incoming new first-year students (Freshmen, Transfers, and Graduate students) are not permitted to apply for the 12-month option.

To be eligible for a 12 month housing option, current students must be enrolled in the Fall 2026 semester and must opt-in before April 13, 2026, allowing the student to live on campus for a 12-month period throughout the summer. Summer enrollment in RISD classes is not a requirement for the 12-month housing option. Spring 2026 semester graduating students are ineligible for the 12 month option. Residents that choose a 12-month housing option will be charged an additional summer housing fee, which will be established and published by Residence Life on its website. The 12-month housing period is as follows:

12-month Housing Dates:

- **Start Date:** Saturday, May 23, 2026
- **End Date:** Saturday, May 29, 2027

Students who select a 12-month housing option but live outside the designated 12-month renewable upperclassmen housing areas must relocate to their Summer 2026 housing assignment between Friday, June 5, 2026, and Sunday, June 7, 2026, unless Residence Life provides an alternative date. Similarly, students with different housing assignments for the Summer 2026 term and Fall 2026 semester must move into their Fall 2026 assignment between Friday, August 7, 2026, and Sunday, August 9, 2026, unless Residence Life provides an alternative date.

12-month Housing Option Cancellations

Residents who choose the 12-month housing option are responsible for the associated price difference. Student cancellations for 12 month housing options are subject to the same cancellation terms and conditions as an academic year housing license. Granting such cancellations are at the sole discretion of Residence Life which reserves the right to grant exceptions and provide partial refunds on a case-by-case basis. In any case, please note that Residence Life will require documentation and proof for the purpose of any cancellation request.

12-Month Housing Commitment & Change Policy (Switching to a 9-Month Option)

Residents who select the 12-month housing option may receive an earlier timeslot. A fee applies for changes made after April 13, 2026. No cost adjustments will be made after the 12-month housing option begins on May 23, 2026. This policy encourages intentional housing commitments while ensuring fairness in the selection process.

- Change Requests on or Before April 13, 2026
 - Students may switch to a 9-month agreement without a fee if they notify Residence Life by April 13, 2026 and select housing during their timeslot.
- Change Requests On or After April 14, 2026
 - Students switching to a 9-month agreement after April 14, 2026, will be charged a \$550 change fee.
 - Students who notify Residence Life before selecting a room will receive a new timeslot and will not be charged if they select housing during their reassigned timeslot.

- No cost adjustments will be made for requests made on or after May 23, 2026.
- Exceptions
 - Requests due to documented extenuating circumstances (e.g., withdrawal, leave of absence) may be reviewed case-by-case.

Facilities and Maintenance During 12-month Housing Period

Facilities will continue to respond to all work orders according to their normal process. Facilities staff will also work to clean the unoccupied rooms within an apartment, if applicable.

Cleaning and Maintenance Responsibility During 12-month Housing Period

This section outlines the expectations for residents who have renewed or chosen to stay in their space for a 12-month period and will be receiving a new roommate. Adhering to these guidelines ensures a welcoming and equitable living environment for all residents.

Resident Expectations

- Do not enter the unoccupied room.
- Clean all shared spaces in the apartment and create equal space for the new resident.
 - This includes the bathroom, kitchen, hallways, and living room area, including all furniture items and appliances.
- Create equal space in shared bathroom and kitchen amenities (e.g., cabinets, towel racks, refrigerator, etc.).
- Remove all trash from shared spaces.
- Ensure that all furniture pieces are equally distributed to all current and future residents.

12-month housing option renewal terms

- Students must be enrolled in the upcoming Fall semester in order to renew their housing and dining license.
- Only non-graduating students living in designated 12-month renewable upperclassmen housing may remain in their space throughout the summer housing term. Additionally, only non-graduating students in these areas will have the option to renew their housing license for the 2026-2027 academic year and remain in their current space. RISD reserves the right to reassign student rooms at any time during the housing period for reasons it deems appropriate. The designated 12-month renewable upperclassmen housing areas will be published on the Housing Portal when the housing and dining application process begins.

Dining services guidelines for 12-month housing option

- Dining hours and options will vary during certain times of the year. See info site <https://info.risd.edu/dining-catering/> or RISD Mobile app for Dining Venue hours.
- Effective May 23, 2026, all Spring 2026 meal allotments will conclude. The Summer 2026 plan will include a dining allotment, and will be available for use from May 23, 2026 to September 5, 2026. Please note that unused meals from the Spring allotment will not carry over or be combined with the Summer dining allotment. Similarly, unused Summer meals will not carry over to the Fall semester.

Medical Housing Accommodation Policy

Any student who has a documented medical, psychological, and/or disability related condition(s) may apply for housing accommodation through Disability Support Services (DSS). All requests must be submitted to DSS via the [Accommodate portal](#) and require written documentation applicable to the requested accommodation. Documentation consists of a written evaluation by an appropriate professional (not a relative of the student or a RISD employee) that explains the nature of the condition and why the condition results in a need for housing accommodation(s). Students must complete all forms in their entirety and submit them along with the necessary documentation each academic year (1) before the deadline, prior to room selection, or (2) soon after identifying the need (based on date of diagnosis, change in status, etc.) to DSS. The submitted request and supporting documentation are reviewed carefully by Disability Support Services on a rolling basis with a priority deadline of March 31 for Fall 2026 and November 16 for Winter/Spring 2027. A follow-up conversation with the student and the treating professional by a member of the Health Services and/or Counseling staff may be necessary in some instances. Residence Life and RISD cannot guarantee that students will be provided their preferred accommodation choices, but if a student’s preferred choice is not granted, then RISD may provide equally effective alternatives subject to limitations as outlined in the Student Handbook or online at our Disability Support Service website [HERE](#).

Given that the health and wellbeing of our community are profoundly important, RISD takes special care to honor the dietary needs and customs of individual students. Specific medical accommodation requests related to meals should be addressed first with Disability Support Services via email, disabilitysupportservices@risd.edu. After informing Disability Support Services, accommodation requests would be submitted to the Menu Manager, specialorder@risd.edu. Medical accommodation related to meal plans must have accompanying professional documentation sent to Health Services, health@risd.edu. RISD strives to work with students to ensure that they can successfully participate in the communal dining program to enrich their student experience.

Emotional Support, Therapy, and Service Animal Policy

Students with medical documentation supporting their need for an Emotional Support or Service Animal may be allowed to have such an animal in RISD Housing Facilities if the following conditions are met: 1) the student has been approved for an emotional support animal (ESA) through the medical housing accommodation process as outlined above and/or have registered their service animal with DSS, 2) the animal and owner must comply with the conditions outlined in the Residential Animal Policy, and 3) All room/suitemates must sign an agreement to live with the animal. Not all RISD housing is suitable for animal care. RISD reserves the right to relocate students to ensure the health and safety of the overall residential community, residential animals, and owners. Only one (1) ESA or service animal is permitted per apartment, suite, or room.

As stated by law, only service animals are allowed in non-residential facilities on campus, and must be escorted by the student at all times. Students may not bring support or therapy animals into campus buildings or dining venues and will be asked to remove the animal if present. Please see the Residence Life policy [HERE](#). At all times, students are expected to abide by this policy as well as any and all applicable College policies which are subject to change without notice.

15 West Fitness Center Acknowledgement

The 15 West Residential Hall contains a fitness center for residents to utilize. Prior to use of the fitness center, students must review and agree to the to [15 West Fitness Center Acknowledgement](#).

Occupancy and Vacancy Guidelines

1. A housing and dining application or accepted license does not guarantee any specific assignment. Assignments will be made according to the procedures established by Residence Life. Under this license, students may live in any room type managed by RISD Residence Life based on availability.
2. Students wishing to change their room assignment must obtain prior approval of the Residence Life office. The College reserves the right to reassign student rooms at any time during the residence period for any reason the College deems appropriate. Additionally, the College may utilize any student rooms in any manner deemed necessary as conditions warrant, including changing normal occupancy levels.
3. Students who live in a shared room with one (1) or more vacancies must maintain the room in a way that allows for a roommate to move in at any time. Combining beds; using extra desks, dressers, or closets; removing furniture; over-decorating the room; or keeping the room in a state of disorder which deters potential roommates is strictly prohibited. Move-in ready is defined as a state in which a potential roommate could begin moving things into a room immediately without necessary rearrangement or relocation of personal property or additional cleaning. For example, if a student were to arrive in a room to find the second bed dismantled or items on the second desk, this would not be considered move-in ready. There may be an opportunity for students who have vacancies in their shared room to "buyout" the empty bed for the prices of a comparable single plus an additional four percent. Email notifications will be made to students if they are eligible and as occupancy needs allow. All provided furniture must remain in the room even if a vacancy buyout is approved.
4. Students who do not occupy their assigned rooms by the first day of class and have not notified the Residence Life Office prior to that day of their intended late arrival may be reassigned to a different space at the discretion of the College or possibly lose their housing assignment on-campus. Failure to occupy your assigned space on campus does not terminate your housing and dining licence and does not warrant any financial refunds.
5. Residential facilities are to be used as living quarters and in a manner as to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws and the rules and regulations of the College, most particularly the rules and regulations contained in Residence Life policies. Residents shall not engage in disorderly conduct, make or permit disturbing noises, including without limitation to the loud playing of radios, televisions, stereos, or musical instruments, nor perform or permit any acts that in the College's judgment would unreasonably interfere with the rights, comfort, or convenience of other residents. Subletting of your room or lending out your room key to another student or non-student are strictly prohibited. Students may not host guests for any type of fee or exchange of goods or services.
6. Students who hold key or card access rights to a room are expected to reside in that room consistently. The College may also assign a new roommate at any time during the academic year when a room has a vacant space.
7. Items and materials prohibited from possession and/or restricted in use in housing include, but are not limited to candles and other sources of open flame, firearms, illegal knives or other weapons, improperly stored volatile solutions, explosives, alcohol, controlled substances or prescription drugs not accompanied by a prescription, drug paraphernalia, or other dangerous materials. Smoking or vaping is not allowed in any residential facility. All animals are prohibited from residential facilities, except as noted. Any unapproved animal found in the residence halls must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours. The resident may be charged a cleaning and restoration fee for obtaining an animal in the RISD residence halls. The use of electrical heating or cooling devices, including space heaters (unless provided by the college), air conditioners, or refrigerators (aside from those provided with the living unit) or other items that violate conditions outlined in residential rules and regulations are all strictly prohibited. Any such prohibited animals, materials, devices or objects may be impounded and fees assessed. Further clarification of these prohibitions may be found in published [Residence Life policies](#).

Dining Services Guidelines

1. All RISD rules, policies, and procedures apply within all of the RISD Dining venues.
2. Dining allotment/plan values reset on January 15, 2027.
3. Summer tender values end on September 5, 2026 for students who resided on campus for Summer 2026 and will remain on campus for the 26-27 academic year.
4. Meal hours and food service locations may be adjusted by the College as circumstances require.
5. RISD ID cards must be presented when making a purchase at Dining. RISD ID cards presented by someone other than the person pictured (without Health Services approval) will be confiscated. An email will be sent to the ID card owner to retrieve the ID from the Dining Services Office. If the ID card is not picked up by the dining venue's closing time, it will be given to Public Safety or Campus Card Services.
6. Students can use up to two (2) café credits per meal period in the Portfolio, Watermark, and Jolly Roger.
7. Meals and dining points do not roll over from semester to semester or from year to year.
8. Meal and dining point balances are available in the RISD Mobile app.
9. Meals and dining points are non-transferable. Students wishing to "treat a guest" must be present and either use a guest meal, available on all dining allotments/plans, or pay for their guest with an alternate tender.
10. Meals and points may not be used to pay fines, outstanding balances on student accounts, equipment, art supplies, or anything beyond the standard offerings of the dining facilities.
11. Meals and dining points may not be transferred or donated to any individual or organization unless otherwise stated by Dining Services.
12. The removal of any dining hall property from any of the dining halls, which includes but is not limited to: plates, bowls, cups, silverware, and/or condiments, is prohibited.
13. Food and beverages removed beyond the cashier stand without payment are considered theft. If a student is purchasing a meal to-go, they should place food products in a to-go box. Students who engage in theft will be reported to the Student Conduct Office who may issue disciplinary action.
14. Only RISD recognized groups are allowed to distribute written materials or make presentations in the dining areas, with prior permission.
15. Non-employees are not permitted in the kitchen and food preparation areas, unless under the supervision of a Dining employee.
16. For further explanation of the rules and regulations stated above, consult the Student Handbook or contact Dining Services at (401) 454-6360 or dining@risd.edu.
17. RISD is not liable for damage or loss of any personal property brought into RISD Dining facilities.
18. As stated by law, only service animals are allowed in dining facilities on campus and must be escorted by the student at all times. Service animals may be excluded from the facilities if their behavior presents a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Students may not bring support or therapy animals into venues and will be asked to remove the animal if present.
19. One meal swipe is equivalent to Breakfast: \$9.50, Brunch/Lunch: \$11.50, and Dinner: \$ 13.50. For purchases that exceed this amount, one additional cafe credit swipe, Dining points, risdbucks, or a credit card may be used to complete your purchase. The meal equivalency option may not be used for bulk purchases or cases of beverages, candy, or energy bars, etc.
20. The reusable to-go container program at the Met and Portfolio Cafe is available for your convenience as part of Dining Services' sustainability initiatives. Containers need to be returned within the specified timeframe. Otherwise, an unreturned container fee will be applied per container.

General License Terms and Conditions

1. The College, at its discretion, may enter and search your room and its contents, including personal possessions, to verify occupancy; to perform housekeeping and maintenance functions; to investigate and/or find and seize evidence of, potential illegal activity or violations of College regulations; for health and fire safety inspections; and for any other reason and in any other situation in which the College, in its discretion, deems it necessary to do so in order to protect the interests of the College or the general welfare of one or more of its students.
2. All students are required to reside in on-campus room and board during their first and second year at RISD or until junior status is achieved. Please refer to the Student Exemptions section above for details regarding an exemption from this requirement. Academic year students who reach junior status or decide to become a commuter student mid-year remain bound to the license cancellation terms (as it is a full academic year agreement or extended if a 12-month option was selected).
3. At any time, the College may reassign or remove from housing those who exhibit disregard for the residential community, the terms and conditions of occupancy, or other applicable rules and regulations. The College may terminate this agreement and take possession of the room at any time. Any of the student's possessions remaining on the premises seventy-two (72) hours after such termination, or immediately following the end date of this agreement, shall be deemed abandoned and costs incurred in the removal of the property will be charged to that student. In cases where immediate removal is required due to the severity of the violation, Residence Life reserves the right to adjust the timeline and provide alternative accommodations for retrieving personal items if necessary.
4. Students are not permitted to make or authorize modifications to the buildings or their contents. Room painting or removal of college furniture from the room is not permitted. The room must be vacated in the condition in which it was found upon assuming occupancy. Students must at all times use in a reasonable manner and keep in clean condition all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning or other facilities, fixtures, and appliances in the residential facilities. No refuse of any type or other items belonging to the student will be allowed in the hallways or common areas at any time. Students shall adequately package, store, or contain refuse and regularly dispose of it in a receptacle made available at each residential facility. Charges will be assessed for violation of these regulations and for damages or vandalism to the room, apartment, suite and/or common areas of the building, and/or occupants may be required to enter into a mandatory cleaning agreement. Charges will be divided among all students sharing responsibility for the applicable room or common areas (as determined by Residence Life staff),

whenever individuals causing such damages or vandalism cannot be specifically identified.

5. All disputes between students in RISD Housing will be handled via the conduct process as outlined in the RISD Code of Student Conduct and Procedures found at <https://policies.risd.edu/student-life-policies/>. At no time will a student be forced to relocate or be removed from housing based solely on the complaints of another student. This is to protect the rights of all students. In situations where a student's actions may warrant relocation or removal from housing, those actions will be referred to Student Conduct and handled via the conduct process. If a student is removed from campus due to conduct, there will not be a refund for housing.
6. Solicitation in, or commercial use of, any part of the residence facilities or grounds by any person is strictly forbidden. Students shall not place any signs, or advertising matter upon or in the windows, doors, hallways, or outside the building. No window displays are allowed. Additionally, students may not hang or place any items outside of their window, including but not limited to flags, signs, lights, or decorations.
7. The College is not liable for damage or loss of any student's personal property from any cause whatsoever. Students agree to insure, at their own expense, all personal property brought into any residential facility through renters or other insurance. We highly recommend that you obtain personal liability insurance and coverage for your personal property too. Personal liability coverage, sometimes referred to as personal liability insurance, protects you financially if you're responsible for damages or injuries to others. Personal property coverage protects your property in the event of theft, fire or weather-related loss to your property. Please visit [the RISD Residence Life Property Insurance page](#) for more details.
8. Housing charges for the period of this license are due at the same time as the term bill, and are payable at the Student Accounts Office or on-line through Student Accounts subject to the same conditions applying to the term bill.
9. Occupancy of a room in RISD residential facilities is exempt from the RI Landlord-Tenant Act pursuant to Section 34-18-8 (1), and the provisions of that Act do not apply.

Duty to Maintain

Students are responsible for taking reasonable steps to keep their Bed Space, Bedroom, and the Apartment in good condition and to notify RISD immediately of any conditions that require a repair or other attention. Students agree to take reasonable steps in order to prevent or minimize the growth of mold and mildew within the Apartment, Suite, or Room. Students shall (i) remove any visible moisture accumulation in or on the Apartment, including on walls, windows, floors, under the kitchen sink or in the pantry, ceilings and bathroom fixtures; (ii) mop up spills and thoroughly dry affected areas as soon as possible after a moisture occurrence; (iii) use exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathroom when necessary; and (iv) keep the climate and moisture in the Apartment at reasonable levels. Students shall keep their Bed Space and the Apartment or Suite in a tidy condition, particularly the kitchen and bathroom sanitary and dry. Students shall promptly notify RISD of the presence of any of the following conditions: (i) a water overflow, intrusion or leakage, excessive moisture, or standing water inside the Apartment or in any Common Areas; Common Areas includes any area that is within the Residence Halls area, but outside of a resident room or apartment including but not limited to, hallways, community bathrooms, community kitchens, laundry rooms, fitness center, and lounges.(ii) mold or mildew growth in or on the Apartment that persists after Students have tried to remove it with a household cleaning solution; (iii) a malfunction in any part of the heating, air-conditioning or ventilation system in the Apartment, Suite, or Room. Students agree to maintain the Apartment, Suite, or Room in a manner that prevents the occurrence of an infestation of bed bugs and other pests. Students shall immediately notify RISD of the presence of bedbugs and any other pests and Students shall (i) keep the Apartment in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and not introduce any furniture or textiles from unknown sources into the Apartment; (ii) cooperate with RISD in eradicating any pests and take the measures recommended by a qualified expert; and (iii) immediately notify RISD of any re-infestation or indications treatment has been ineffective. Students who fail to observe these Lease requirements and demonstrate repeated instances of infestation of bedbugs or other pests that cannot be traced to another source, may be responsible for the cost of the treatment to the Apartment and any costs associated with cleaning other resident's belongings or other portions of the Community as necessary to eradicate the infestation.

For further explanation of the rules and regulations stated above, consult the student code of conduct or contact the Residence Life Office at [\(401\) 454-6650](tel:4014546650) or housing@risd.edu.

Acceptance of Terms and Resident Signature

Acceptance of Terms

- I agree to all terms and conditions set in this License
- I adhere to all residence life policies, rules, and regulations.

Resident Signature

Today's Date	
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Student Name	
Student RISD ID Number	
Student Signature	