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May 20, 2026

Dear Parent(s):

Louisiana Law provides that any student who resides in the parish and lives more than one mile from a school approved by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (like Riverdale Academy) has a right to receive transportation services provided by the local school board. The Red River Parish School Board has chosen to offer transportation services to students of Riverdale Academy on the same basis as such transportation services offered to students of the public school system.

The Red River Parish School Board is finalizing all transportation routes for the 2026-2027 school year. At this time the district needs to know the number of students who desire to ride public school buses. Enclosed is a form to be completed by each parent(s) residing in Red River Parish for children who will use public school transportation. All forms must be completed with 911 physical addresses, parent(s) signatures, and returned to Red River Parish School Board by Monday, July 20, 2026.

The plan for such transportation would be that all students (both public and private) would be taken to their respective schools in the morning and taken home from their respective schools in the afternoon on the same buses. Riverdale Academy students would be delivered each morning to the parking lot of the First Methodist Church Coushatta parking. Students riding the Red River Parish School Board buses from their home site will be transported by shuttle bus to Riverdale Academy. In the afternoon, those students would be transported by shuttle bus from Riverdale Academy back to First Methodist Church Coushatta, where they would board the buses for their transportation home. The AM bus will depart from FMCC by 7:20AM to Riverdale and arrive back to the FMCC parking lot by 3:15PM. This is subject to change depending on the number of students that will be requesting transportation.

It is our desire to provide transportation for Red River Parish students in the safest, most efficient and effective manner possible, and we will try our best to do so. If you have any questions about public transportation of your child, however, please feel free to contact J.C. Dickey at 318.932.4081.

Sincerely,

Alison N. Strong, Superintendent
Red River Parish Public Schools

Red River Parish Schools Provide Excellent Education: Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it takes!

The Red River Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964m Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Name of Child(ren): _____
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□ I request transportation services from the Red River Parish School Board

□ I do **NOT** request transportation services from the Red River Parish School Board

Pick-up Address (if services are requested): _____
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Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Printed Name of Parent: _____

Please return before Monday, July 20, 2026 by 1500 hours.