

ALL OUR STUDENTS:

Amplifying the Voice of
Parents for Student Transportation

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All RI Children are OUR STUDENTS

Every child in public and private schools are our children whose parents are seeking the best community to meet the needs of their children to grow and learn.

All parents from public and private schools are taxpayers contributing to support education in our state.

Nonpublic schools provide a **valuable public service** as part of the overall educational delivery system and save the public millions.

Independent Schools Association
of Rhode Island

29

RI Private Schools

6K+

Students

Diocese of Providence
Catholic Schools

36

RI Catholic Schools

9.7K+

Students

Nonpublic School Numbers In 2023-2024...

98

PreK - 12 RI Private Schools

16,689

Private School Students

Families Finding the Best RI School For Their Child to Grow and Learn

Nonpublic Students Saving RI Millions

The FY2024 budget set a base level core instructional funding average per pupil at \$11,876.

“The core principle behind the formula is that state funding should follow the student.”

Nonpublic students are saving RI millions (195M+).

Private Schools & Financial Assistance

Our students are from all economic backgrounds

The Diocese of Providence

24/25 School Year

- Over \$3.1 Million in aid
- Over 4,700 students applied

Independent Schools Snapshot

- One School: \$4M in aid
- One School: 56% of students receive Aid
- One School: 90% low income

STAR Kids Scholarship Program

- All Saints Academy - Middletown
- St. Philomena's - Portsmouth
- The Pennfield School - Portsmouth
- The Prout School - Wakefield
- Bishop Hendricken High School - Warwick
- La Salle Academy - Providence
- Monsignor Clarke School - Wakefield
- St. Kevin's School - Warwick

Bussing is essential for ALL our students

- Tax paying **parents** depend on transportation to assist getting children to the school that best serves their child.
- Wide bus regions ensure our schools can serve as an educational and economic engine of RI to attract sustainable and diverse student bodies.
- Passing costs on nonpublic school parents and schools significantly impacts resources for aid and operations.
- Regional Transportation has been a long standing basic educational service to ALL students in RI since 1977.

Private School Parents are Not The Cause...

- Is the legislature fully funding Statewide Transportation to assist districts in transporting all students?
- How have public school CTE Pathway programs, available to out of district students, contributed to rising transportation costs?
- Are we acknowledging the contribution private, parochial and independent school parents make to RI's education delivery system or seeking to cut cost on their backs?
- Do we want to do our best in RI to ensure ALL children get to the school that best serves their needs?