RAYMORE-PECULIAR R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Transportation Services RFP

Comprehensive overview of RFP requirements, operational standards, technology mandates, and proposal evaluation criteria.

RFP Issuance Date
October 19, 2026

Contract Commencement
July 1, 2027

District Primary Contact
Pam Steele, Board Secretary

Raymore-Peculiar R-II Overview

Providing safe and reliable student transit across suburban Kansas City, Missouri.

~6,500

Students Enrolled

K-12 & Pre-K programs

13+

Facilities Served

Elementary, Middle, High & Academies

Single

Contract Award

Accountable turnkey partner

Vendor Accountability: The selected vendor assumes primary responsibility for daily transportation, operations management, routing, parent communication, and issue resolution without relying on District personnel.

Key RFP Procurement Milestones

Strict adherence to procurement deadlines is required for consideration.

OCT 19, 2026
RFP Published
Official specs issued

OCT 29, 2026
RFI Deadline
10:00 AM CST questions

NOV 6, 2026
Pre-Proposal
MANDATORY 10 AM

NOV 24, 2026
Proposals Due
Sealed by 10:00 AM

DEC 17, 2026
BOE Approval
Contract awarded

Mandatory Pre-Proposal Location
Support Services Center, 21005 S. School Road, Peculiar, MO 64078

Submission Format
8 printed copies + 1 electronic copy (USB flash drive) in sealed package.

Current Fleet Profile & Depot Location

Baseline fleet composition and bus facility details provided for proposal evaluation.

Active Fleet: 76 Units

Type A Buses: 15 units (All AC; 5 with wheelchair lifts)

Conventional Buses: 55 units (42 to 77 passenger capacity)

Large Capacity Buses: 2 units (84 passenger capacity)

Minivans: 6 units (specialized / out-of-district)

Spare & Age Mandates

10% Spare Capacity: Minimum extra buses maintained locally

5 Activity Spares: Dedicated for field trips & athletics (can be included in the 10% spare capacity

Max Age Cap: No bus older than 12 years at start of school

Fleet Average Age: Maximum 7 years average maintained



Bus Depot & Sublease

Location: 19620 Harrelson Dr, Belton, MO 64012

First Student Company holds a lease at this location. Options to lease will be discussed.

Fuel Responsibility: District provides all vehicle fuel & Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF). Vendor supplies all other fluids & lubricants.

Comprehensive Transportation Scope

Required daily, specialized, and supplemental transportation operations.

Regular Routes

K-12 home-to-school transport, Pre-K, and summer school routes.

Special Education

SLABB, out-of-district placements, and specialized lift vehicles.

Shuttles & Career

In-District shuttles, LEAD Center, Cass Career, and Summit Tech.

Trips & Athletics

Field trips, extracurriculars, and athletic travel on demand.

Operational Delivery Standards

Ride Time Cap: Max 50 mins per normal route

Arrival Window: Max 20 mins before start

Trip Readiness: On-site 15 mins prior to departure

Routing Parameters & Bus Load Standards

Proposer routing must adhere strictly to District service limits and capacity caps.

Capacity Capping Rules

Middle & High School Buses
Max **65%** of manufacturer rated capacity

Elementary School Buses
Max **75%** of manufacturer rated capacity

Mandatory Practice Runs

Proposers must complete a minimum of **3 mandatory practice runs** for all regular and summer school routes prior to the start of classes (uncompensated).

***Liquidated damages equal to single route cost assessed per uncompleted run.**

Walker Zone Limit
Bus stops established so walking distance does not exceed 1/2 mile.

Seating Charts
Updated charts provided to District by 2nd week of school for grades K-9.

Required Technology & Software Integration

Seamless bi-directional integration with District platforms is mandatory.

FOCUS SIS API

Automated 24-hr bi-directional sync between routing software and FOCUS SIS.

Live GPS Tracking

Active tracking on all buses with full administrative access for District team.

Parent Mobile App

Real-time bus tracking app for parents with nightly updated route data.

Driver Terminals

Mobile data terminals with turn-by-turn audio routing on every bus.

Preferred Routing Platform: Transfinder
Must support concurrent routing for regular school year and summer terms.

DISTRICT REQUIREMENT

Vehicle Safety & Video Surveillance Standard

Rigorous equipment standards to ensure student safety and secure recordkeeping.

Mandatory 6-Camera HD System

Every bus must maintain active HD (1080p+) audio & video recording:

- 1 Bulkhead camera
- 1 Rear camera
- 2 Mid-cabin cameras
- 1 Driver/Door camera
- 1 Forward Dashcam

Auto-Offload & Data Retention

30-Day Storage: Minimum on-board DVR retention

Auto Wi-Fi Offload: Automatic download at bus lot

24-Hr Video Turnaround: Videos provided on request

Child Check System: Mandatory rear bus walk check after every run.

Dual Stop Arms: Front and rear stop arms on 40+ passenger buses.

STUDENT SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

Student Discipline & Video Surveillance Protocols

Comprehensive guidelines for digital behavior tracking, incident escalation, and video capture standards.

Discipline & Behavior

- **Driver Role:** Responsible for maintaining a safe & orderly bus environment.
- **District Authority:** Retains full responsibility for discipline & consequences.
- **Reporting:** Drivers submit incidents via a web-based tracking system.
- **District Initiatives:** Vendor actively aligns with District behavioral programs.
- **Personnel Training:** Annual/semester training on District conduct standards.

Reporting & Escalation

- **Digital Tracking:** Automated notifications sent to School Admin immediately.
- **Resolution Workflow:** Incident logs track issues through final resolution.
- **Serious Incidents:** Immediate reporting for fighting, threats, or weapons.
- **After-Hours Action:** On-call admin may issue temporary suspension pending review.
- **Investigation:** Vendor preserves video data & assists District reviews.

Video System Hardware

- **Mandatory 6-Camera Array:** Full 1080p+ HD audio & video recording.
- **Low-Light & Color:** Clear recording in low-light conditions; integrated GPS data.
- **Always-Active Mandate:** Buses never operate with students unless cameras are live.
- **Tamper-Proof Enclosure:** Access restricted strictly to authorized personnel.
- **Maintenance & Repairs:** Vendor covers all repair and replacement costs.

Automatic Offload & Rapid Video Turnaround Protocols

• Automatic Wi-Fi offload to base storage upon entering lot • 30-Day minimum onboard DVR retention • Copies delivered within 24 hours of District request

24-HR VIDEO SLA

Staffing, Driver Qualifications & Behavior Management

Proposers must maintain high personnel standards and active student management.

Driver Standards & Training

Vendor pays CDL, licensing, background, & physicals

Strict criminal background checks & drug clearances

Min 10 hours annual safety training per driver

Preferred spare ratio: 1 spare per 10 regular buses

Required On-Site Staffing

General Manager (Dedicated District Liaison)

Operations Manager (Safety & Discipline Lead)

Dispatchers (Phones covered 5:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

Mechanics (Min 1 mechanic per 25–30 buses)

Digital Behavior Tracking

Mandatory web-based incident reporting platform

Automated notifications to school administration

Mandatory semester driver behavior training

District maintains final disciplinary authority

Employee Continuity: Proposers must agree to interview all current transportation vendor staff.

Liquidated Damages & Governance Framework

Enforceable performance assessments for service deficiencies.

500% Daily Route Charge

Unattended child left on bus; or illegal/uninspected/unlicensed vehicle operation.

100% Daily Route Charge

Missed or doubled-up route; running out of fuel; failure to secure IEP student; unreported accident.

75% Daily Route Charge

Late bus arriving 21+ minutes past scheduled start time; improper bus size assigned.

50% / 25% Route Charge

Unauthorized route changes; late bus (10–20 mins: 50%, 1–9 mins: 25%); broken radio/camera; missing video.

Staffing Penalty: $100/day for failing to maintain 95% of contracted Staffing Plan.

Corrective Action Plan: Triggered on 3 late or 2 missed routes in 30 days.

Optional Enhancements & Proposal Evaluation

Itemized optional features and formal proposal scoring criteria.

Separately Priced Enhancements

G.1 Air Conditioning: Fleet-wide regular & SPED AC

G.2 Student Wi-Fi: CIPA-compliant onboard filtering

G.3 Power Mirrors: Remote mirror adjust

G.4 Heated Mirrors: Defrosting external side mirrors

*Optional pricing excluded from base cost evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria (100 Points Total)

Cost Proposal (Base Services)	35 Points
References & Operational Verification	35 Points
Written Proposal Evaluation	30 Points

Award Philosophy: Contract awarded based on best overall value (quality, capability, reliability & cost), not lowest price alone.

Proposal Submission Checklist

Ensure all 24 required submittals and compliance matrices are completed prior to deadline.

Deadline
Nov 24, 2026 @ 10:00 AM CST

Delivery Address
Pam Steele, Board Secretary
21005 S. School Road, Peculiar, MO

Required Copies
8 Printed Copies + 1 USB Flash Drive

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