



LITTLE ROCK

7400 Scott Hamilton Drive | Little Rock, AR 72209

151 STUDENTS **13 STAFF**

This information reflects Term 3 - 2020/2021



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

The Excel Center focuses on the student's education and what comes after graduation. Relationships with life coaches and instructors; rigor in completing credits with our accelerated curriculum; facilitated coursework and extended class periods; and relevance through hands-on work experiences set our students on a positive path for a successful future.

- Schedules are year-round with eight-week terms to help students earn their diploma faster.
- Morning and afternoon class schedules are offered Monday through Thursday, with Fridays available for extra tutoring and support.
- Free child care and transportation assistance are available.
- Highly qualified instructors facilitate learning in language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.
- Every student is assigned a life coach. Life coaches help students overcome life-barriers and personal issues. Coaches keep students engaged and help navigate career or college preparation plans.

The Excel Center is fully funded and operated by Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, the non-profit created by Goodwill Industries of Arkansas.

ABOUT

The Excel Center at Goodwill opened on October 16, 2017 and is a free public high school that provides adults the opportunity to earn an Arkansas high school diploma. In addition to a high school diploma, students may earn industry-recognized certificates and/or college credits towards undergraduate degrees at local colleges and universities at no cost to them. The Excel Center enrolls students ages 19 and over who live in Arkansas and do not have a high school diploma.

SCHOOLWIDE DEMOGRAPHICS

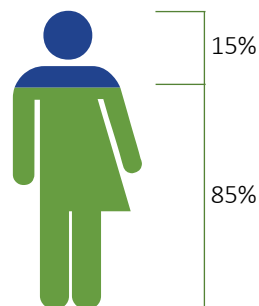
GRADUATES

52

ENROLLMENT

2017-2018	199
2018-2019	217
2019-2020	230

GENDER



- Male
- Female

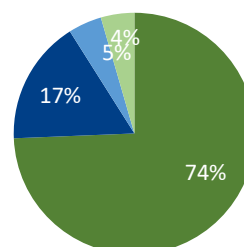
Age Range

19-65

Median Age

46

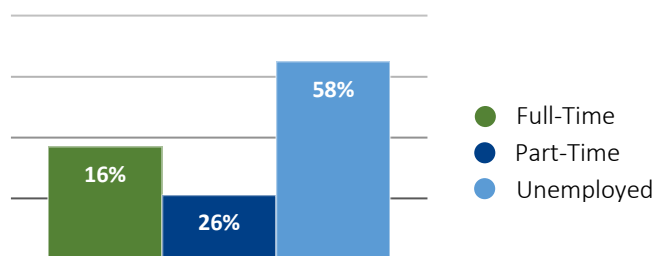
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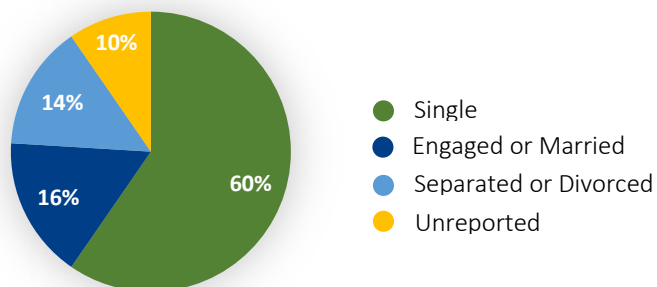
- Black
- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Bi-Racial

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT ENROLLMENT



FAMILY LIFE



BARRIERS

77%

self-reported a barrier

Health Care (22%) and Food Security (53%) are the most common barriers.

72%

receiving public assistance

Medicaid (23%) and SNAP (42%) are the most common type of assistance.

38%

without reliable internet access

38% of students do not have home internet or WiFi.



70%

of students have children



45%

of students are single parents



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Average Household Size

EXPANSION PLAN

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are more than 320,000* Arkansans over the age of 18 who do not have a high school diploma. In order to meet the educational needs of this vulnerable population, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas plans to expand to five adult high schools throughout Arkansas by 2027, the organization's 100th birthday. As the first steps towards this expansion, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas is seeking funding to support two expansion efforts:

Expand the Little Rock school from 125 students to 350 students for the 2020-2021 school year.

A charter amendment request was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education and was approved by the Charter Authorizing Panel (October 2019) as well as the Arkansas State Board of Education (November 2019) to increase the student cap to 350. Goodwill Industries of Arkansas finished construction on the expanded Little Rock Excel Center in July of 2020. Classes will be held in the new school at the end of November 2020. Goodwill is seeking funding to support the operational costs of the school for the 2020-2021 school year.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Source: Statistical Atlas Educational Attainment