



A FULLY ACCREDITED, FREE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS



Class of June, 2019

The Excel Center at Goodwill is a fully accredited, free, public high school that provides adults ages 19 and older the opportunity to earn an Arkansas high school diploma. Students may also earn industry-recognized certificates and/or college credits towards undergraduate degrees at local colleges and universities at no cost to them.

- Schedules are year-round with eight-week terms to help students earn their diploma faster. The number of terms required for graduation will depend on the number of high school credits the student already has.
- Classes are offered Monday through Thursday, with Fridays available for extra tutoring and support. Part-time schedules are also available.
- Free childcare 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 barriers and personal issues. Coaches keep students engaged and help navigate career or college preparation plans.

The Excel Center is operated by Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, the not-for-profit created by Goodwill Industries of Arkansas. The school is fully funded by Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, and there is no cost to the student.

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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.

WHO CAN ENROLL?

The Excel Center enrolls students ages 19 and over who live in Arkansas and do not have a high school diploma. Applications are accepted year-round on our website at GoodwillAR.org/Excel

ARKANSAS QUICK FACTS

- According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2010 census, Arkansas lags the nation in the percentage of individuals aged 25 and older holding at least a high school diploma, at 84.8 percent versus a national average of 86.7.
- An estimated 320,000 Arkansans aged 25 or older do not have their high school diploma.
- Act 1200 of 2015 changed Arkansas law to allow an adult high school in Arkansas.
- The Excel Center has a capacity of 125 students and has received more than 300 applications for enrollment.
- The Excel Center is currently funded 100% by Goodwill of Arkansas and is provided at no cost to the student.
- Each 8-week term accelerates the learning of one-year of instruction in a traditional high school.
- In April 2019, students ranged in age from 19 to 62, with a median age of 34.
 - 47% female, 80% African American, from 11 school districts

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OUTCOMES

- To date, 42 students have received their diplomas from The Excel Center in Arkansas.
- Nationally, 70% of The Excel Center graduates are employed and have a 50% wage increase in six months after graduation.
- The Excel Center graduates earn around \$11,098 more per year than those without a diploma.

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