



2017

Annual Report to the Public

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 toward undergraduate degrees at local colleges and universities at no cost to them.

- Schedules are year round with eight-week terms to help students earn a 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 was founded and supported by a team of leaders from Goodwill Industries of Arkansas and Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, all dedicated to creating vehicles to help adults move toward greater economic self-sufficiency. The Excel Center is being born out of Goodwill’s mission to change lives through education, training, and employment, and its vision that people in the communities it serves will have improved skills that provide long-term employment and a better standard of living. The Excel Center® is a nationally-proven school model founded by Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana. To date, the model has expanded to Texas, Tennessee, Washington, DC and now Arkansas.

Mission

The mission of The Excel Center is to provide adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma and post-secondary education while developing career paths that offer greater employment and career growth opportunities. The Excel Center meets students “where they are” in life and assists them in navigating academic and non-academic barriers to success.

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.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Administrative Personnel	\$176,000
Instructional Personnel	323,000
Non-instructional Personnel	157,000
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	168,613
Contracted Services	131,500
School Operations	221,716
Facility Operation & Maintenance	167,000
Total Expenses	\$1,344,829
Expenses Per Pupil Education Cost	\$6,630
Expenses Per Pupil Total Cost	\$10,743

Funded by Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, Inc.

116
Students
Enrolled

AGE RANGE:

19

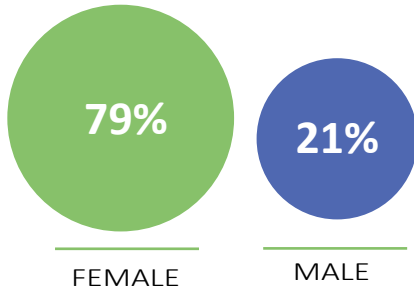


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MEDIAN AGE

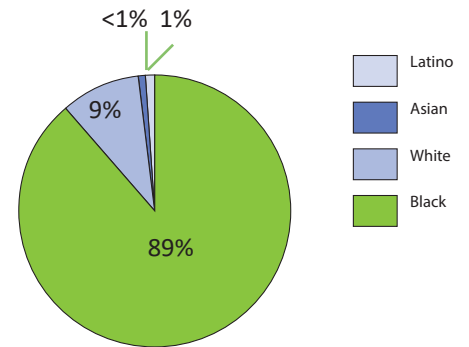


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HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 77 Little Rock
- 14 North Little Rock
- 9 Jacksonville-N Pulaski
- 9 Pulaski County Special
- 1 Arkadelphia
- 1 Benton
- 1 Cabot
- 1 Conway
- 1 Fordyce
- 1 Pine Bluff
- 1 Searcy



Accreditation Status

The Standards for Accreditation provide service and general support designed to assist and ensure that an essential educational foundation is established and maintained in each public school district, charter school, and special population school within the state of Arkansas. The Excel Center opened its doors on October 16, 2017, and, as of the date of this report The Excel Center has not achieved accreditation. Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives is committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure a quality education for all students.

Goals for 2017-2018

- 1 Meet State Accreditation Standards for the The Excel Center.
- 2 Develop an advisory council to provide input from the community and students.
- 3 Establish agreements with two- and four-year institutions of higher education for concurrent enrollment opportunities for students.
- 4 Expand short-term training offerings which lead to industry-recognized credentials.
- 5 Develop a community outreach plan to inform the public about the educational opportunities at The Excel Center.
- 6 With supports, students will achieve an 80 percent mastery of coursework to advance to the next course level.
- 7 60 percent of graduates will have earned either an industry-recognized credential or college credit.