



LITTLE ROCK

7400 Scott Hamilton Drive | Little Rock, AR 72209

98 STUDENTS 14 STAFF

Information below is based on student data as of August 17, 2018



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.

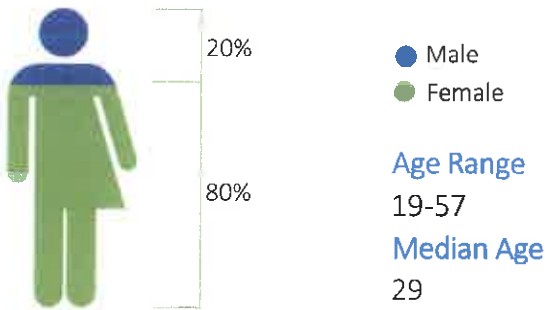
The Excel Center is fully funded and operated by Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, the non-profit created by Goodwill Industries of Arkansas.

ABOUT

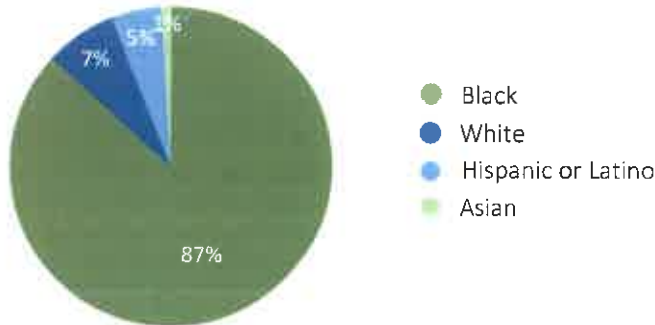
The Excel Center at Goodwill opened on October 16, 2017 and is a free public high school that provides adults the opportunity to earn an Arkansas high school diploma. In addition to a high school diploma, students may earn industry-recognized certificates and/or college credits towards undergraduate 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

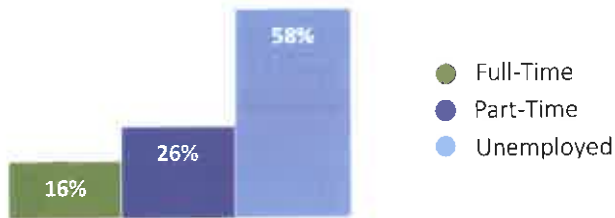
GENDER



RACE



EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT ENROLLMENT



BARRIERS

55%
self-reported
a barrier

Childcare (30%) and Transportation (20%) are the most common barriers.

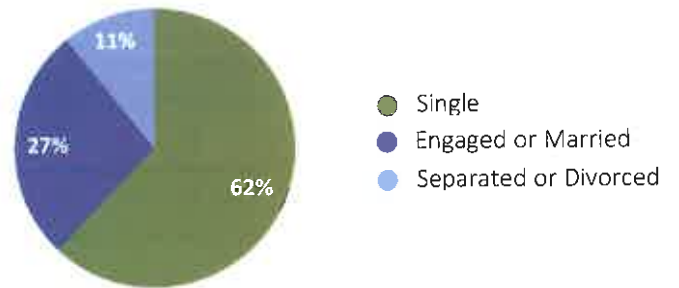
65%
receiving public
assistance

Medicaid (47%) and SNAP (36%) are the most common type of assistance.

34%
without reliable
internet access

34% of students do not have home internet or WiFi.

FAMILY LIFE



70%
of students
have children



39%
of students are
single parents



3
Average
Household Size

HISTORY

The Excel Center at Little Rock was the eighteenth school opened using this model by Goodwill organizations across the nation. In 2010, Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana saw a need for an alternative high school – a place where adults could go to obtain a full high school diploma, not a general education equivalent (GED) certificate.

There are currently schools in Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee, Texas and Washington, DC. Schools are being planned in Missouri and Maryland, and legislation has been passed in Illinois. There will be 26 operating Excel Centers throughout the United States during the 2018-2019 school year.

The Arkansas Legislature passed Act 1200 of 2015, which allowed the implementation of an adult high school in the State. Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, Inc. is currently fully funding the Little Rock school at an annual cost of \$1.6M per year. The Excel Center at the Goodwill Resource Center in Little Rock expects the first graduates in December 2018.