



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How old must I be to attend The Goodwill Excel Center?

A: We are accepting students 17-50 years of age.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Complete the application for enrollment online at goodwillcentraltexas.org/excel-center/apply. or complete an application at The Goodwill Excel Center, 1015 Norwood Park Blvd. Austin, TX.

Q: May I still apply even though school has started?

A: YES. students can apply for each term throughout the school year - At times, there may be a waiting list, but completing your application will secure your spot.

Q: How many spaces are available?

A: A maximum of 150 students age 26-50 will be enrolled at any one time. A maximum of 350 students age 17-25 will be enrolled at any one time.

Q: When will I receive notification of acceptance?

A: Once you complete your online application and enrollment paperwork you will receive a phone call to schedule an orientation, iExcel. Depending on your (applicant's) age there may be a waiting list. Students placed on the waiting list will be notified once a spot becomes available. Former students are placed on the priority waiting list.

Q: When does the first term begin?

A: You can view important school year dates [here](#).

Q: How long is each term?

A: Each school year has 6 terms that last approximately 5 to 6 weeks long.

Q: What is iExcel?

A: iExcel is an orientation that will provide incoming students with the opportunity to tour school facilities, meet teachers, life coaches, and other staff, complete important diagnostic testing, and complete scheduling for your first term.

Q: Is iExcel Mandatory?

A: All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend iExcel. Applicants will be contacted when their application is reviewed to register for iExcel.

Q: How much does it cost to attend The Goodwill Excel Center?

A: The Goodwill Excel Center is a **FREE**, public charter school.

Q: I have a criminal background, may I apply?

A: Yes.

Q: I have my GED, can I still attend The Goodwill Excel Center?

A: Yes, individuals under the age of 26 who already have a GED are encouraged to apply.

Q: Do I need a certain amount of credits to be eligible for enrollment?

A: No. Any individual that has completed the 8th grade may apply.

Q: Will credits transfer from out-of-state?

A: Yes, although all credits may not transfer.

Q: What if I live outside of Austin/Travis County?

A: Students who live in Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, Burnet, Blanco, Fayette, Gonzales, Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Lee, Caldwell, Dewitt, and Lavaca County may apply.

Q: What is the class size?

A: Classes will range from 5-25 students. All classes are different, based upon the individual needs of our students.

Q: What are the hours of The Goodwill Excel Center?

A: Class schedules will vary. Generally, The Goodwill Excel Center will be open from 8AM - 10PM Monday - Friday.

Q: Will there be accommodations for ESL students or students with disabilities?

A: Yes, our facility is fully ADA compliant and is accredited by CARF. Additionally, The Goodwill Excel Center staff includes a Director of Special Education and ESL Teacher and is prepared to meet the many needs of our students.

Q: What if I can't get a copy of my transcript and/or identity documents?

A: Our staff will work with you to find the necessary documents and recreate your transcripts.

Q: What will graduation plans look like?

A: Each student's plan will be unique based upon their credits and the year they entered 9th grade. Life Coaches and staff will work to ensure that all Texas graduation requirements are met.

Q: How many hours/days will a child be able to stay in the child care center?

A: The Exploration Center is open during daytime classes beginning at 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Q: Will I be able to earn an industry certification as well as a high school diploma?

A: Yes, thanks to the Goodwill Career and Technical Academy, we are able to provide the opportunity for all students to complete course work that can lead to additional certification. Your Life Coach will help you with your career pathway planning.



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