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 enroll?
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 enroll even though school has started?
A: YES. Students can apply throughout the school year to enroll for one of the six upcoming terms. At times, there may be a waiting list, but completing your application is the first step to enrolling.

Q: When will I receive notification that my application has been accepted?
A: Once your online application and enrollment paperwork has been processed you will receive a phone call to schedule your pre-enrollment meeting, iExcel.

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 6 to 7 weeks long. Our curriculum is highly accelerated, so each term is the equivalent of completing 1 semester in a traditional high school.

Q: What is iExcel and iConnect?
A: iExcel is a pre-enrollment meeting with our Intake Coach that provides incoming students the opportunity to complete important enrollment forms, submit enrollment documents, complete diagnostic testing, and choose their class schedule for their first term. Incoming students will also schedule for iConnect during iExcel. iConnect is a meeting with the incoming student’s assigned Life Coach. It allows incoming students to review their schedule, tour the school facilities, discuss solutions for any obstacles to success at school, and an in-depth review of what to expect at The Goodwill Excel Center.

Q: Are iExcel and iConnect mandatory?
A: All incoming new and returning students are strongly encouraged to attend iExcel and iConnect. These meetings ensure the student has everything in place to have a successful start to school. Applicants will be contacted after their application has been processed to schedule 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?

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 vary by student based on the class periods they select. The Goodwill Excel Center holds classes Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

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 provides an ESL Academy, a Director of Special Programs, and highly qualified ESL, Special Education, and Core Content instructors 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, the Goodwill Excel Center offers a number of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in at least 3 pathways. Students will have the opportunity to complete at least 1 industry certification while enrolled at The Goodwill Excel Center. Students also have the opportunity to participate in programming with the Goodwill Career and Technical Academy and earn additional certifications. Life Coaches work with students to select a career pathway.