Q: How old must I be to attend The Goodwill Excel Center?
A: We are accepting students 18-50 years of age. Any students ages 18-50 with a GED are encouraged to apply.

Q: What County do I have to live in to be able to attend the Excel Center?
A: Students must live in Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, Burnet, Blanco, Fayette, Gonzales, Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Lee, Caldwell, Dewitt, and Lavaca County to apply.

Q: How do I apply?
A: Complete the application for enrollment online at goodwillcentratlexas.org/excel-center/apply. After you submit your application, it will be processed in about 1 week. You’ll receive a phone call from your Student Experience Coach to get to know you a little more, answer questions you may have, and to schedule your registration meeting and orientation. If you would like application assistance please call our Student Experience Coach at 512-637-7194.

Q: Can I apply in person on paperwork?
A: No. Our application is online and can only be done online. We have available computers at our campus that where you may seek assistance.

Q: May I still apply even though school has started?
A: YES, students can apply for each term throughout the school year. To be able to start at our next term you will have to apply 2 weeks before the start date. You may access our school calendars here.

Q: When will I receive notification of acceptance?
A: Once you complete your online application you will receive a phone call to schedule a new student orientation.

Q: When does each term begin?
A: You can view important school year dates here.

Q: How long is each term?
A: Each school year has 5 terms that last approximately 8 weeks long.

Q: What is New Student Orientation?
A: Orientation will provide incoming students with the opportunity to tour school facilities, meet teachers, life coaches, and other staff, complete online registration and complete scheduling for your first term.

Q: What do I need to bring to New Student Orientation?
A: Orientation will provide incoming students with the opportunity to tour school facilities, meet teachers, life coaches, and other staff, complete online registration and complete scheduling for your first term. You will need to bring your ID or birth certificate, social security card and 2 documents for proof of residence (utility bill or mortgage/lease agreement), and transcript.
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: Is Orientation Mandatory?
A: Yes, all new students are required to attend orientation. Orientation provides important information for all new students to be adequately prepared for their first day of school.

Q: How much does it cost to attend The Goodwill Excel Center?
A: The Goodwill Excel Center is a FREE, public charter school.

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: How many credits do I need to graduate at the Excel Center?
A: We graduate students on the Texas Foundations Plan, which requires 22 credits. You can find more information here.

Q: Will credits transfer from previous high schools and out-of-state high schools?
A: Yes, although all credits may not transfer. It is highly encouraged to request your transcript from the last high school attended before attending orientation.

Q: How can I go about retrieving my transcript from my last previous high school?
A: A student would need to contact their last high school through phone, email, or the school website to be able to retrieve their most recent transcript. Most schools have a Transcript Request form online that they can fill out.

Q: How can I get a sealed copy of my Excel Center transcript?
A: Fill out a transcript request form with our receptionist. A registrar will complete your request within 2 weeks and you will receive a sealed copy.

Q: What is the class size?
A: Classes will range from 5-35 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 7:30 AM – 9:25 PM Monday – Thursday and 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM on Friday’s. The lobby office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 AM – 4pm.

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. To get more information you can contact Director of Special Programs, Paige Bauerkemper at Paige.bauerkemper@goodwillcentraltexas.org or (512)531-5546.

Q: How long does it take for me to graduate?
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: Does the Excel Center provide transportation?
A: Yes! Once students start their first day of school they are able to receive a 31 day Bus Pass from their Life Coach.

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. The Exploration
Center accepts children between the ages of 0-4 years old. A separate online application must be submitted for each child. Space is limited. For more information you can contact the Director of Family Services at 512-531-5504.

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.