

Wrap Around Services for Adult Learners



The Excel Center is Making it Happen!



WE ARE The Excel Center operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc. (GEI), a not-for-profit organization formed by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. The Excel Center is a unique public charter school that provides adults the opportunity to earn a Core 40 high school diploma and begin post-secondary education. Through the integration of industry-recognized certification training and dual credit requirements, The Excel Center positions graduates for college and career paths that offer better-than-average wages. The school is tuition-free, works with students from all economic and educational backgrounds, and pays tuition costs for students to earn their certifications or to begin their undergraduate degrees at local colleges and higher-learning institutions. There are 11 locations in Central Indiana with over 3,000 students enrolled.

OUR TEACHERS work closely with service providers to ensure students have access to appropriate services. With over 25 teachers who are highly trained in transition services and an additional team of staff from disability services, our students are positioned for the positive education

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

The Excel Center is committed to providing comprehensive wrap around services for each student. The goal is to remove barriers for students and provide them with opportunities. From Academic Life Coaches who work with students every day to Goodwill Guides who follow students after graduation for a year the mission is the same. The Excel Center “meets students where they are” in their education and career growth. Thousands of individuals drop out of high school each year, crippling their career potential. Our commitment is to enhance career potential and access to high-growth jobs through accelerated learning, opportunities for post-secondary education, and individualized career planning.

Specifically, GEI has begun a direct partnership with Goodwill Disability Services. This partnership places a member of the Goodwill Disability Service team inside of our schools one day per week. This Employment Engagement Liaison works closely with the Special Education Coordinator to identify students who would benefit from targeted employment opportunities. In addition, this team works together to support the student through the Vocational Rehabilitation referral process.

In addition, students eligible for special education or 504 services who are working towards a certificate of completion, will also participate in a Seminar for Success course. This course is tailored to each student's specific needs and can include housing and transportation resources, mental health resources, job internships, career exploration, resume completion, mock interviews and crucial life skills to aid in student success.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"Goodwill Disability Services partnering with the Lafayette Excel Center has sharply increased the awareness of vocational services available to students. Linkage, advocacy, and comprehensive employment services have led to vocational options for students that might not otherwise had access to programs to assist with job placement. Training to create competitive marketable vocational skills has engaged community employers to consider hiring a student from the Excel Center."—Dustin Jablonski, Employment Engagement Liaison

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