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## **High School For Adults Now Enrolling New Students**

*The Excel Center removes barriers for adults seeking to earn a diploma*

**INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind. – The Excel Center®, a tuition-free public high school for adults, is currently accepting enrollment applications. With The Excel Center’s rolling calendar and [16 locations](#) in central and southern Indiana, students can get started right away on their path to an Indiana Core 40 diploma.

The Excel Center offers flexible scheduling and a fast-paced, rigorous curriculum, which has helped nearly 8,000 adults graduate with a state-recognized diploma since 2010, including Allen Kessinger, who will be one of the first to graduate from The Excel Center Southeast.

Kessinger dreams of becoming a police officer, but the position requires a high school diploma – something he does not have – so he enrolled at The Excel Center Southeast, becoming the school’s first student. Prior to enrolling, Kessinger and his family were living in unstable housing, but through The Excel Center’s Justice-Involved Program, he was able to secure a better home.

“The program got me approved and out of a hotel room and into a 4-bedroom house,” said Allen. “After I received the good news about that, my wife and I cried.”

Allen is expected to graduate in February 2024.

“I’m 39, coming back to school to fulfill my dream,” Kessinger said. “Nobody is stopping me.”

Designed to meet the needs of adults, The Excel Center helps students prepare for life after high school by offering college credits and industry-recognized certification courses — all at no cost.

“At The Excel Center, we recognize that the biggest barriers for adult students are the responsibilities happening outside of the classroom, like maintaining a job and being a parent or caretaker,” said Betsy K. Delgado, senior vice president and chief mission and education officer at Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana. “We work with each student to remove or minimize these barriers, allowing them to focus on their education.”

Free onsite child care and transportation assistance are available to students, along with other wraparound services that are individualized on a case-by-case basis.

Since 2010, The Excel Center has helped nearly 8,000 Hoosiers earn an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma. Graduates have also earned nearly 8,000 industry-recognized certifications with a 99% college and career readiness rate.

Those interested in enrolling at The Excel Center can apply online at [excelcenter.org](https://www.excelcenter.org). The application is free and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. New students are encouraged to contact The Excel Center for more information or for assistance completing their application.

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Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 40 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as contract manufacturing services, charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.