



## **School Improvement Plan 2018-2019**

### **The Excel Center at Little Rock**

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#### **Our Mission**

The Excel Center provides adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma while developing career paths that offer greater employment and growth opportunities. Our school “meets students where they are” in their education by providing a flexible structure and supportive relationships to help students manage work, life and family as they achieve their educational goals.

#### **Our Vision**

Thousands of individuals drop out of high school each year, impacting their career potential as employers seek workers with higher skills and specialization. As part of our commitment to enhance career potential and access to high-growth jobs for high school dropouts, The Excel Center provides effective ways to provide adult high school students accelerated learning, opportunities for post-secondary education, and individualized career planning.

#### **2017-2018 Performance**

The Excel Center at Goodwill opened on October 16, 2017 as the first free public high school that provides adults the opportunity to earn an Arkansas high school diploma with accompanying high school transcript. The Excel Center had an unduplicated count of 199 students during the first year of operation. The first graduates are expected in December 2018.

Continuous community outreach through the advisory council and attendance at various community relations meetings has allowed The Excel Center to provide students information on available community resources when further assistance is needed in addressing life barriers.

The Excel Center at Goodwill’s curriculum incorporates real-world experiences with the Arkansas Common Core Standards to ensure rigor when students achieve 80 percent mastery. Continuous communication with the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) will assist in achieving and maintaining a positive accreditation status.

#### **The Year Ahead**

The Excel Center has a current student enrollment of 98 students with a maximum capacity of 125 students. As we continue our recruiting efforts, we stress the importance of good attendance with students and have a stringent tardy policy that will prepare students for what comes after graduation. “Best” practices are utilized and sought out consistently by staff members when interacting with students in and out of the classroom.

#### **Goals for 2018-2019**

- **Meet State Accreditation Standards for The Excel Center**
- **Improve technology use within the classroom to provide inclusive instruction that engages every student in authentic learning experiences.**
- **Monitor student progress diagnostically and plan instruction after thorough and thoughtful data analysis to ensure each student reaches proficiency.**
- **Establish agreements with two-and four-year institutions of higher education for concurrent enrollment opportunities.**
- **Develop a community outreach plan to inform the public about the educational opportunities at The Excel Center**