



**Kansas  
City**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Excel Center?**

The Excel Center Kansas City is a high quality, free high school for Missouri adults (21+) who want to earn their diploma. The school will be located in southern Kansas City near the intersection of Bannister Rd. and I-435, with a bus stop just outside. We will offer free drop-in childcare, connections to other certifications, and dual college credit courses to prepare students for their next step.

### **How can I enroll?**

Any Missouri resident 21 year or older that doesn't already have a high school degree can apply. Enrollment isn't open yet, but we expect it to begin in Spring 2025.

### **Why is MOKAN Goodwill opening a high school?**

With the services we already offer, a high school was a natural next step. Goodwill helps job seekers overcome barriers to employment and the lack of a high school diploma is a major barrier for many local job seekers.

### **How is the Excel Center different from other high schools?**

The Excel Center focuses on college and career readiness and the unique challenges adult learners face. All students are encouraged to earn industry recognized certifications and/or dual college credits along with their diploma and speak with our on-site life coaches to help prepare for employment after graduation.

### **Our community already has adult education programs, why would we also need The Excel Center?**

Different people thrive in different environments and we aim to be some students' perfect fit. With our focus on meeting people where they are, in-person classes with teachers in the classroom to give in-the-moment help, strategies that work best for adult learners, and helping people transition to the next step after high school we aim to partner with existing programs to make sure all learners are set up for success.

### **Will the Excel Center take funding away from traditional public high schools?**

No, it will not. Since the Excel Center Kansas City serves adult learners 21+, it will be funded through the Missouri Department of Social Services, not the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### **Is the Excel Center a real high school?**

Yes! Since students at the Excel Center will be earning high school degrees, it will be held to the same standards as any other school offering high school degrees.

### **Wouldn't online classes be easier?**

For some people, yes. But for other people, learning in physical classrooms is the best environment to learn. The Excel Center will offer one on one assistance, an environment focused on learning, and free on-site childcare.

### **Will you serve special student populations like students with disabilities or English Language Learners?**

Yes! The Excel Center Kansas City will employ qualified special education instructors to work with a variety of skill levels, aptitudes, and education experience. Our model is especially focused on meeting individual students where they are and will abide by all federal and state regulations.