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Annual Adult Learner Charter School Report:

This report provides a brief overview of enrollment and funding history for adult learner charter schools. The initial appropriation and language regarding adult learner charter schools was adopted under HEA 1001-2013. The program has a statutory formula and enrollment cap defined by the Indiana General Assembly as part of the biennium budget process. Under current law, this represents the entirety of state funding available for adult learner charter schools, unless the Indiana General Assembly enacts an appropriation for the adult high school. (I.C. 20-24-7-14)

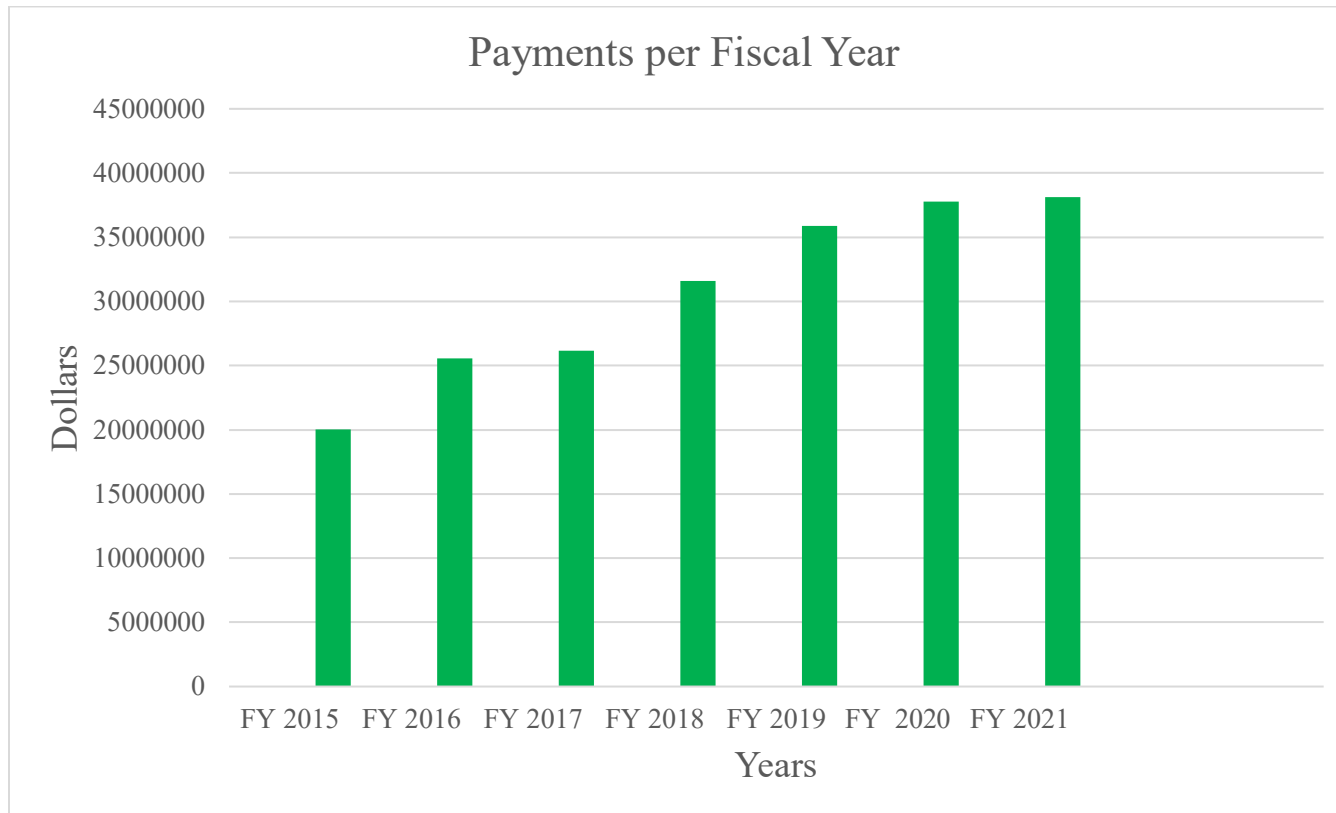
Adult Learner Distribution History :

The Adult Learner payments were previously paid through the state tuition support payments along with other public charter schools. Beginning with fiscal year 2014, I.C. 20-24-7-13.5 modified the funding for adult learner charter schools. Per state law, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) then began distributing funds from the adult learner appropriation to adult learner charter schools.

Below are previous fiscal year distribution totals to adult learner charter schools. Under I.C. 20-24-7-13.5(e), state funding for each fiscal year is based on a schedule set by the budget agency and approved by the governor. The dates of monthly distributions follow that of tuition support, with one payment being made at least every forty days.

Actual Distribution by Fiscal Year							
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total	\$21,021,000	\$25,572,690	\$26,145,900	\$31,590,000	\$35,876,250	\$37,776,375	\$38,140,875

The graph below provides an overview of total payments per fiscal year:



Adult Learner Eligibility:

The schools listed under I.C. 20-24-7-13.5(a) are the only charter schools that are eligible for adult learner payments. Those schools include Excel Centers for Adult Learners, Christel House DORS, and Gary Middle College charter schools.

Adult Learner Participation:

State law caps the full-time equivalency (FTE) count of students funded through the adult learner program. The adult learner charter schools are held to the FTE caps in place for each type – Excel Centers for Adult Learners, Christel House DORS, and Gary Middle College charter schools.

The full-time equivalency count is collected through the Membership for Adult Learners data collection that coincides with other membership collection periods. FTE uses instructional days and minutes to determine the individual student count. School personnel must submit, clean up and sign-off on the full-time equivalency count for their respective students using the STN Application Center. The DOE-MA data layout provides an overview of data fields, file format, conflict resolution, and time frame for submitting the data. Beginning with school year 2021-2022, full-time equivalency data will flow through Data Exchange in an interim manner, with a snapshot of FTE data taken on the September and February count dates.

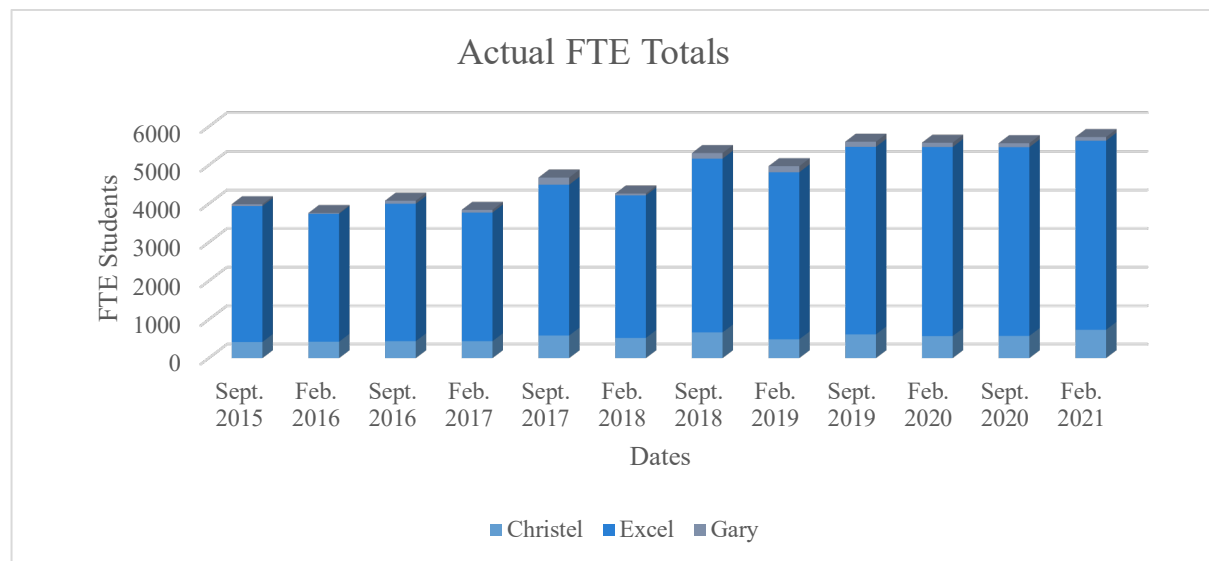
FTE caps for the current and preceding fiscal years are referenced in the table below. The caps did not change in FY 2020 and FY 2021 and FY 2022.

Historical Full-time Equivalency Student Caps			
	Excel Center for Adult Learners	Christel House DORS	Gary Middle College
FY 2015	no cap	no cap	no cap
FY 2016	3,865	440	150
FY 2017	5,005	440	150
FY 2018	4,250	675	200
FY 2019	4,700	825	200
FY 2020	4,900	825	250
FY 2021	4,900	825	250
FY 2022	4,900	825	250

Actual participation by charter school type can be found in the table below:

Charter School Name	Sept. 2014 FTE	Feb. 2015 FTE	Sept. 2015 FTE	Feb 2016 FTE	Sept. 2016 FTE	Feb. 2017 FTE	Sept. 2017 FTE	Feb. 2018 FTE	Sept. 2018 FTE	Feb. 2019 FTE	Sept. 2019 FTE	Feb. 2020 FTE	Sept. 2020 FTE	Feb. 2021 FTE
Excel	2,950	2,896	3,522	3,314	3,561	3,333	3,908	3,694	4,501	4,328	4,859	4,900	4,890	4,903
Gary MC	61	47	47	20	79	70	185	48	145	158	134	111	104	95
Christal House	199	200	419	427	440	440	587	524	669	489	617	572	577	735
Total Amount of Students	3,213	3,157	3,988	3,761	4,080	3,843	4,680	4,266	5,315	4,975	5,610	5,583	5,571	5,730

The graph below reflects the growth in the statewide FTE count for adult learner charter schools based on the actual FTE counts submitted during the spring and fall membership collection.



Appendix A provides a more detailed view of the table for each participating adult learner charter school.

Adult Learner Payments per student :

Schools are currently paid based on the number of adult learner charter school students, who are Indiana residents, expressed as full-time equivalents, multiplied by the per student funding amount of \$6,750. Initially, IDOE uses an estimate for funding until actual FTE counts are reviewed, and reconciliation occurs. Before April 1 of each year, charter school personnel submit an estimate of the fall FTE count for the adult learner charter school. When multiplied by the per student funding amount, the fiscal year estimate is divided by twelve to determine a monthly payment amount. The IDOE Office of School Finance distributes funds during July through October based on the estimated FTE count for each charter school.

The Office of School Finance reconciles these payments based on six-month time periods, July through December, and January through June, using the full-time equivalency student count. FY 2019 was reconciled to the September count for the whole fiscal year. From FY 2015 - FY 2017, schools were paid \$6,600 per student. The per student amount increased to \$6,750 starting in FY 2018 and continuing through FY 2022.

If the appropriation for adult learners is insufficient, the distributions are proportionately reduced to each recipient to avoid exceeding the fiscal year cap. Current and historical appropriations are:

	Appropriation
FY 2014	\$21,700,000
FY 2015	\$22,800,000
FY 2016	\$29,403,000
FY 2017	\$36,927,000
FY 2018	\$34,593,750
FY 2019	\$38,643,750
FY 2020	\$40,331,250
FY 2021	\$40,331,250
FY 2022	\$40,331,250

Adult Learner Reports :

State law required adult learner charter schools to annually report certain information to the State Board of Education (I.C. 20-24-7-13.5). The report must include preceding school year information that includes:

- The number of adult learners enrolled in the charter school.
- The demographics of adult learners enrolled in the charter school.
- The graduation rates of the adult learners enrolled in the charter school; and
- Specific outcomes for adult learners enrolled in the charter school, as of graduation and as of two years after graduation.

Information on this requirement can be found at <https://www.in.gov/sboe/2682.htm>.

APPENDIX A

Adult Learner FTE Counts by Participating Charter School

Corp	Charter School Names	Sept 14 FTE	Feb 15 FTE	Sept 15 FTE	Feb 16 FTE	Sept 16 FTE	Feb 17 FTE	Sept 17 FTE	Feb 18* FTE	Sept 18 FTE	Feb 19* FTE	Sept 19 FTE	Feb 20 FTE	Sept 20 FTE	Feb 21 FTE
9050	Excel Center Clarksville	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	192	282	284	316	338	306	316
9055	Excel Center Hammond	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	141	251	223	232	251	221	243
9070	Gary Middle College, West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	59	35	20	44	42
9160	Excel Center Muncie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	245	229	258	258	274	244
9190	Excel Center Gary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	46	100	126	114	132
9305	Excel Center in Richmond	296	289	282	275	267	236	280	248	251	283	252	248	219	202
9335	Excel Center Lafayette Sq Mall	375	372	337	358	378	363	371	356	333	360	354	337	345	344
9345	Excel Center Lafayette	286	320	284	329	296	304	315	304	315	312	339	328	325	342
9355	Excel Center Kokomo	333	355	345	323	330	335	345	318	348	309	348	362	366	348
9385	Christel House DORS	199	200	268	277	253	261	335	298	669	489	617	572	577	735
9750	Anderson Excel Center	338	335	342	249	296	263	313	273	289	230	299	312	305	305
9840	Excel Center University Heights	0	0	306	316	373	382	390	397	382	389	398	392	353	353
9855	Excel Center Noblesville	0	0	137	160	195	186	184	148	187	181	200	184	187	188
9885	Gary Middle College, Gary	64	61	47	20	79	70	185	48	97	99	99	91	60	53
9900	Excel Center South Bend	0	0	255	261	365	285	248	204	250	173	258	238	267	263
9910	Excel Learners for Adults	1,322	1,225	1,234	1,043	994	897	1,057	998	1,187	1,156	1,228	1,237	1,289	1,275
9995	Excel Center Shelbyville	0	0	0	0	67	82	124	115	154	153	155	166	163	176
8655	Excel Center Bloomington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	124	156	172
9440	Christel House DORS West	0	0	151	150	187	179	252	226	0	0	0	0	0	0
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*** Feb. 2018 and Feb. 2019 were information only and not used for funding purposes.**

Note: Feb. 20 FTE counts for Excel Center for Adult Learners exceeded the 4,900 cap. FTE count was proportionately reduced from 4,917 for Excel Centers to 4,900 to remain within the cap enrollment.

Note : Feb. 2021 counts for Excel Center for Adult Learners exceeded the 4,900 cap. FTE Count was proportionately reduced from 4,904 for Excel Centers to 4,900 to remain within the cap enrollment.