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Indiana Adult Learner Charter Schools Annual Report

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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, adult learner charter schools are not eligible for additional state funding unless the 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 and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) 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 State 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 40 days.

Actual Distribution by Fiscal Year (FY)				
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total	\$37,894,905	\$41,571,393.75	\$48,544,481.25	\$49,215,498.75 ¹

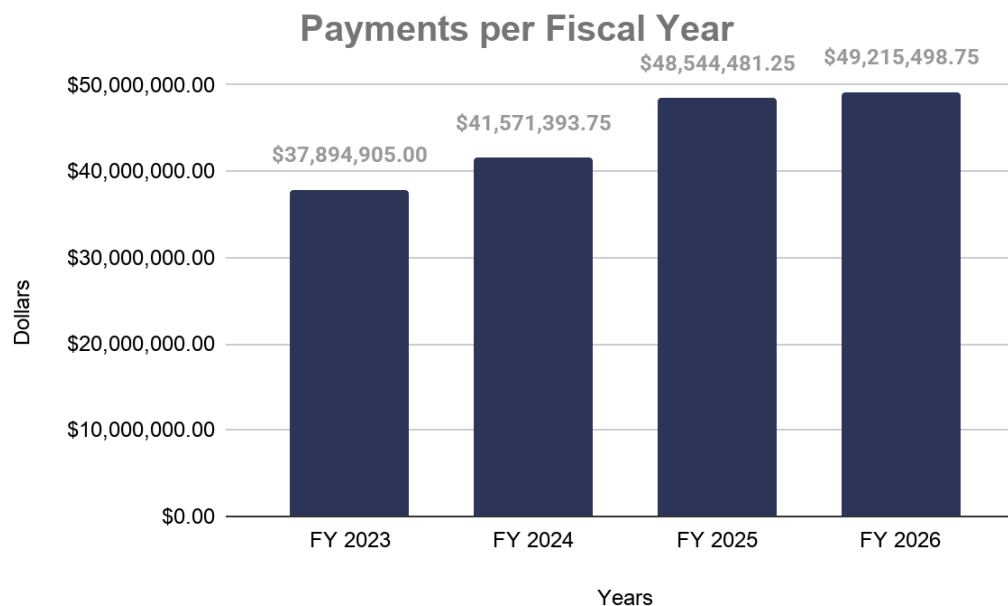
¹ FY 2026 distribution amount reduced by \$3,375.00 for recovery of funds due to State Board of Accounts audit adjustment for Christel House DORS



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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 school.



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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 school.

Beginning with school year 2021-2022, adult learner charter schools were required to submit student level data through Data Exchange. For adult learners, data collection of the FTE count uses instructional days and minutes to determine the individual student count. Information on the submission process can be found in the [Data Exchange Knowledge Hub](#). Beginning in FY 2024, the fall FTE count day is October 1, unless that day falls on a state or federal holiday. The spring count date will remain in February. Both count dates require Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) approval.

FTE caps for the current and preceding fiscal years are referenced in the table below. The caps did not change in FY 2025 through FY 2027. However, for FY 2024 and FY 2025, the FTE cap increased for Excel Centers and Christel House DORS.

Current and Historical Full-time Equivalency Student Caps			
	Excel Center for Adult Learners	Christel House DORS	Gary Middle College
FY 2023	4,900	825	250
FY 2024	5,350	1,000	250
FY 2025	6,550	1,000	250
FY 2026	6,550	1,000	250
FY 2027	6,550	1,000	250



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

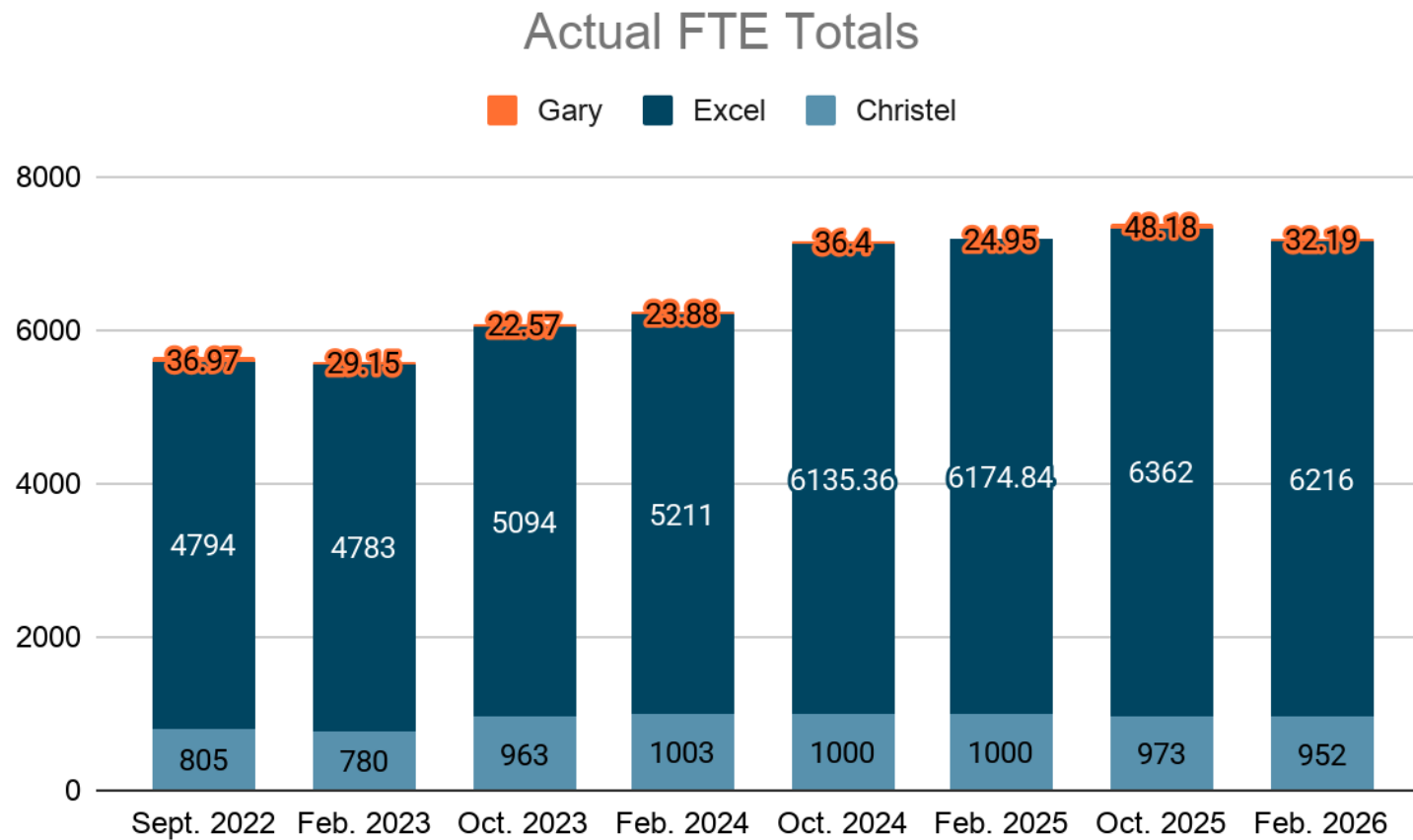
Charter School Name	Sept. 2022 FTE	Feb. 2023 FTE	Sept. 2023 FTE	Feb. 2024 FTE	Oct. 2024 FTE	Feb. 2025 FTE	Oct. 2025 FTE	Feb. 2026 FTE
Excel	4,794	4,783	5,094	5,211	6,135.36	6,174.84	6,362	6,216
Gary Middle College	36.97	29.15	22.57	23.88	36.40	24.95	48.18	32.19
Christal House	805	780	963	1003	1000	1000	973	952
Total Count of Students	5,635.97	5,592.15	6,079.57	6,237.88	7,171.76	7,199.79	7,383.18	7,200.19

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.



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



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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, which is considered when the Office of School Finance (OSF) develops an estimate to use until actual counts are available. When multiplied by the per student funding amount, the fiscal year estimate is divided by twelve to determine a monthly payment amount. OSF distributes funds during July through October based on the estimated FTE count for each charter school.

OSF reconciles these payments based on six-month time periods, July through December and January through June, using the actual full-time equivalency student count determined during each period. The per student amount increased from \$6,600 to \$6,750 per student beginning in FY 2018 and continuing through FY 2027. For FY 2024 and FY 2025, the appropriation increased for each fiscal year.

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 2023	\$40,331,250
FY 2024	\$44,512,500
FY 2025	\$52,512,500
FY 2026	\$49,512,500
FY 2027	\$49,512,500



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Adult Learner Reports:

Indiana Code 20-24-7-13.5(f) requires adult learner charter schools to annually report certain information to the SBOE. 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>.



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APPENDIX A - Adult Learner FTE Counts by Participating Charter School

Corp	Charter School Names	Sept 22	Feb 23	Oct 23	Feb 24	Oct 24	Feb 25	Oct 25	Feb 26
8655	Excel Center Bloomington	129	123	114	120	117	110	130	113
9036	Excel Center Southeast	N/A	N/A	105	168	269	301	305	304
9050	Excel Center Clarksville	304	310	342	295	327	322	313	319
9055	Excel Center Hammond	180	156	171	180	197	169	209	196
9059	Excel Center Grant County	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39	76	88	110
9064	Excel Center Bartholomew Co.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46	97	163	159
9071	Excel Center Shadeland	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	398	406	414	416
9074	Excel Center Decatur	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	257	252	250	251
9079	Excel Center Meadows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	393	403	360	366
9160	Excel Center Muncie	278	277	275	269	288	281	285	277
9190	Excel Center Gary	137	114	125	109	125	137	134	153
9305	Excel Center in Richmond	205	200	202	203	236	219	206	214
9335	Excel Center Lafayette Sq Mall	339	338	346	363	407	414	384	385
9345	Excel Center Lafayette	332	340	358	361	361	360	366	344
9347	Excel Center of West Central IN	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	123	141	214	159
9355	Excel Center Kokomo	345	341	374	352	389	364	377	358
9358	Excel Center Evansville SE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	145.36	162.84	247	221
9385	Christel House DORS	805	780	963	1003	1000	1000	973	952
9539	Excel Center Elkhart	143	182	249	267	258	275	241	235
9750	Anderson Excel Center	295	294	308	287	320	303	298	305
9840	Excel Center University Heights	392	390	345	399	428	425	419	400
9855	Excel Center Noblesville	188	191	204	199	213	215	222	210
9885	Gary Middle College, Gary	36.97	29.15	22.57	23.88	36.40	24.95	48.18	32.19
9900	Excel Center South Bend	149	163	176	207	290	291	293	283
9910	Excel Learners for Adults	1,230	1,218	1,243	1,290	378	342	339	347
9995	Excel Center Shelbyville	148	146	157	142	131	109	105	91
	Total Number of Students	5,635.97	5,592.15	6,079.57	6,237.88	7,171.76	7,199.79	7383.18	7200.19

Note: Oct. 2024 and Feb. 2025 FTE counts for Christel House DORS exceeded the 1,000 cap. FTE counts were reduced to remain within the cap enrollment.