Excel Charter Academy



Grade Configuration

K-8 (K-12 Contract)

Current Contract Term Length

7 years (2026)

Education Service Provider

National Heritage Academies

Location

4201 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Board President

Dale Mowry

Board Members

Mark Brieve, Jenny Gomez, Kris Mauren, Kristy McWilliams, Benjamin Williams, Janorise Robinson

CSO Capacity Analysis

Summary

Excel opened in 1995 as National Heritage Academies' first charter school. The school now serves 784 students in grades Y5-8, over 50% of whom qualify for the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Excel Charter Academy is dedicated to developing students through accessible and rigorous instruction that empowers them to become their very best. The academy has a student population that represents approximately 60 different countries.

Highlights

The academy continued to offer many extensions to learning as well as extracurricular opportunities. Some examples of these included middle school sports for boys and girls, Science Olympiad, drama, field trips, book fairs, music concerts, art fair, field day, and Girls on the Run.

Every month assemblies were held for each wing highlighting the virtue of the month, and awards were handed out to students for both character and academic achievement.

The PTO continued to provide tremendous support to the school both through financial contributions to allow for field trips and PBIS incentives and other enhancements to the school, but also through the building of community events. There were skating parties, a school "Treat and Greet", a family dance night, and a craft fair.

Excel Charter Academy consistently demonstrates strength in its educational program, organizational soundness, and fiscal stability. The CSO has observed that the academy's leadership team is well-established and proven, which invokes commitment amongst the staff. Its special education program is strong with academy-wide support. The CSO has observed effective whole-group and differentiated instruction occurring at the academy. Consistent and effective communication exists between staff and parents. The CSO has observed a high level of consistency across the academy, with classrooms that are similarly organized and consistently display "social contracts" related to classroom rules, behavior expectations, and core values. Excel continues to out-perform peer schools in all subject areas. In total, the CSO is confident in the academy's capacity to continue delivering strong academic results.



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2022-23 State Assessment Results

2023 M-STEP ELA	2023 M-STEP Math	2023 M-STEP All Subjects
67%	59%	53%
2023 SAT EBRW	2023 SAT Math	2023 SAT Total Score
NA	NA	NA

M-STEP proficiency on a scale of 0-100% and SAT EBRW and Math on a scale of 0-800 and SAT Total Score on a scale of 0-1600.

Education Goals: Difference between the academy and statistically similar schools on M-STEP Proficiency, SAT Total Score and Student Growth Percentile (SGP).

*on Data: Data Suppression

2021 M-STEP	2022 M-STEP	2023 M-STEP
21	27	22
2021 SAT	2022 SAT	2023 SAT
NA	NA	NA
2021 ELA SGP	2022 ELA SGP*	2023 ELA SGP
2021 ELA SGP 9.3	2022 ELA SGP* 14.6	2023 ELA SGP 7.6





^{*}Data Disclaimers:

^{*}on Title: Grade levels for which growth data are available for 2021-22 are limited due to no state testing in 2019-20 and low participation in state testing in 2020-21. Elementary grades did not receive a growth score.

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Roster of Statistically Similar Schools*

Crestwood Middle School, 0.60mi Sherwood Global Studies Academy, 0.70mi Bowen Elementary, 1.13mi New Branches Charter Academy, 1.44mi Creative Montessori Academy, >2mi Grand River Academy, >2mi South Pointe Scholars Charter Academy, >2mi Vanguard Charter Academy, >2mi 2022-23 Test Participation Rate

98.0%

Schools below 95% (federal requirement) participation rate are indicated in red.

2022-23 School Index (Percentile Rank)

91.80

Schools below the 2022-23 School Index Threshold of 31.77 are indicated in red.

2022-23 School Index Support Category

NA

*List of school buildings determined once every 3 years by GVSU to be the most geographically, demographically, socioeconomically and programmatically similar to the school.

Compliance Reporting Condition

Exceeds Standards: At least 95% of board and school documents (combined) submitted to Epicenter on time

Meets Standards: At least 85% of board and school documents (combined) submitted to Epicenter on time

Does Not Meet Standards: Less than 85% board and school documents (combined) submitted to Epicenter on time

Exceeds Standard

Financial Condition

Exceeds Standards: Submitted to Epicenter on-time, unqualified opinion, and no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses

Meets Standards: Submitted to Epicenter on-time, unqualified opinion, one or two significant deficiencies, and no material weaknesses

Exceeds Standard

Does Not Meet Standards: Late submission to Epicenter, unqualified, one or more material weaknesses or more than two significant deficiencies, OR qualified opinion





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2022-23 Student Resident Districts Student Resident Districts Legend

Blue: Kentwood Public Schools 45%

Gray: Others 15%

Orange: Grand Rapids Public Schools 40%

95%

2022-23 Free and Reduced Lunch

2022-23 Attendance Rate

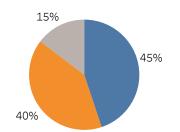
59%

2022-23 Special Education Enrollment

9%

2022-23 English Language Learners

14%



3 Year Enrollment





