

EXCEL Academy Facility FAQs

Have a question about EXCEL Academy's new facility? Ask it here:

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1. Why is EXCEL Academy moving?

EXCEL Academy originally leased the current facility for a one-year term. However, leadership changes and the economic climate presented less than optimal circumstances for a move, so our stay was prolonged. Now that we have stable and exceptional leadership in the person of Principal Sothern, and given that EXCEL Academy was not included in PGCPs's capital budget, we are now poised to acquire a new facility.

2. When is EXCEL Academy moving?

EXCEL Academy will move to its new facility in the 2023-24 school year.

3. Where is EXCEL Academy moving?

EXCEL Academy is moving to 6700 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD, the site of the former National Christian Academy.

4. How will traffic be addressed?

We have procured the services of HighMark Development and Grimm and Parker Associates, who both have extensive experience in school design and construction, including in Prince George's County. The school design will provide for an efficient traffic flow for the drop-off and pick-up of scholars to minimize traffic congestion.

5. Will transportation be provided?

Parents may choose to contract directly with vendors for transportation service.

6. What will happen with staff? Will we retain the same teachers?

The principal is in communication with the staff to determine what the transition will look like for each individual and whether or not they will be moving with us. We will know more as we get closer to the date.

7. What is the timeline for moving to the new facility?

In consultation with the development company and the architectural firm, it has been determined that the facility will be ready for operation beginning with the 2023-24 school year. This timeline takes into account considerable supply chain delays and renovation.

8. Will EXCEL Academy extend to high school as a way to attract and retain students?

While it is not in the immediate future of the school, this is a matter for consideration that needs to be taken up with EXCEL Academy's Founder, Pastor Denise Johnson, and the governing board. Additionally, such an expansion requires the approval of the Board of Education.

9. Why is EXCEL moving so far from its current location?

It was our desire to remain centrally located. We conducted an exhaustive search throughout the County of 13 sites. Of those, we made offers on four sites, with two of those presenting the most promise--1001 Brightseat Road and 6700 Bock Road. Although the Brightseat Road location was our first choice, it was not a financially favorable option for us as the seller had a large pre-payment penalty that neither they nor we could assume.

The 6700 Bock Road location, while not ideal in terms of its location, offered many features that made it attractive. It is a former school (50,000 square feet) with a gymnasium located on 9.8 acres of land, which allows for build-out for additional space and/or an athletic field. It can be easily accessed off the beltway and is located near attractions such as National Harbor.

10. Will there be an adjustment in EXCEL Academy's operating hours to accommodate families that may be traveling from a distance?

There has been no determination to date on what the school's operating hours will be in the new location. However, consideration will be given to such an adjustment.

11. What are your plans to accommodate parents coming from Laurel, Maryland? As Laurel is about a 35-minute drive to Fort Washington, will school start at 8 am as usual? Will transportation be provided?

Please see responses to questions 5 and 10.