

# Administrator's Report

Edge Himmel Park

November 17th, 2021

## **Enrollment:**

AM: 66

PM: 38

Total: 104

\*New students starting this week and not represented in the count above: 2

## **Staff Collective Commitments For Quarter 2**

On our staff professional learning day to start the second quarter we engaged staff in dialogue around our collective commitments for the quarter. Through that work staff collectively agreed to the following:

### **Improving Attendance**

- Creating attendance incentives
- Surveying students at enrollment regarding barriers to attendance

### **Ensuring Early & Frequent Academic Wins**

- Create graphic organizer for students that allows them to color in their progress

### **Building Community**

- Holding a Spirit Week at each campus
- Hold a Design Day (STEM/Teambuilding Activities)

### **Cyber Security Virtual Externship Underway**

Twenty-six students representing both Edge campuses commenced participation in a Cyber Security Virtual Externship on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This virtual externship is being offered as an elective class over 6 Wednesdays with students meeting from 9AM-12PM. Students who attend all 6 sessions will earn .5 of vocational credit.

Students participating in the externship are getting firsthand experience and insight into the world of cybersecurity, one of the most high-demand careers in the country. Students are learning cyber security fundamentals and participating in real-world Cyber scenarios guided by industry professionals. Through their engagement, students are building in-demand employability skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, confidence, and collaboration. Students earn digital badges for their efforts and contributions and will earn a certificate of completion and receive letters of recommendation.

Student feedback has been positive. The externship is created through a company called WorkEd. Darryl Cornell has spearheaded the planning and has worked diligently to make sure there is alignment between Edge's technology and WorkEd's.

### **Comprehensive School Improvement Grant for Himmel Park was approved**

Himmel Park is in school improvement status for low graduation rates. This status allows us to apply for grant money. Our grant was recently approved. The following items will be funded through our school improvement grant:

- Funding the Dean of Students position at HP to support attendance interventions
- Continued Professional Learning Support from Dr. Ildi Lazcko-Kerr of Lotus Consulting (training, coaching, data analysis, and MTSS support)
- Curriculum work focused on essentials standards and increasing access to curriculum

- Home visit to identify barriers to attendance and provide support to keep students engaged in school

**Upcoming Calendar Items:**

November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: Arizona Department of Education Virtual Site Visits at Edge Himmel Park and Edge Northwest

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Design Day at both campuses

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Staff Holiday Party from 1PM-4PM (Board Members invited)

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Last day of the quarter