

## **HP Admin Report July 22nd, 2025**

### **Enrollment**

Himmel Park: 77 student (This includes 15 new students + 52 returning students)

Northwest: 56 students (This includes 12 new students +44 returning students)

Total: 133 students

\*Budget written at 150 student

We generally see a significant uptick in enrollment during the last two weeks of July and the first few weeks of August.

### **Enrollment & Recruitment Efforts**

- Tabling event at the Tucson School Fair @ the TCC on 7/24 from 4PM-9PM
- Digital ads on Google, Facebook, and Instagram
- Refer A Friend Incentive program
- Multiple Open Houses at Himmel Park
- Outreach to students who withdrew from Edge
- Multiple sessions now offered at both campuses
- In-person learning, hybrid learning, and full distance learning now offered at both campuses
- Two summer newsletters to high school guidance counselors at other schools
- Edge flyers and business cards posted at 11 different community partners
- Edge flyers posted and various public libraries

### **Staff Retirements**

Taava Church, Exceptional Services teacher at Edge Northwest, and Daryl Wieneke, Edge's registrar have retired. We extend our gratitude to for the outstanding contributions both made to the Edge community and wish them well in retirement.

### **Staffing Changes**

In addition to the above referenced staff retirements, some staff changes were necessitated based on reduced funding from state school improvement grants that can no longer fund positions. Specifically, Edge lost funding for the Grade Rate Specialist position at Edge

Northwest and the two math teaching assistant positions at Edge Himmel Park. Below is a list of staffing changes resulting from retirements and loss of funding for key positions.

\*The Dean of Students position at Himmel Park was also fully funded by the school improvement grant. However, a volunteer with All In Youth Pickleball took it upon herself to fundraise the entire salary for the position.

- 1 new hire this school year: Ivy Knipe as Exceptional Services and ELA teacher at Edge Northwest.
- Several staff members are changing positions and/or campuses this school year.
  - Greg Cooper moves from Grad Rate Specialist at Northwest to Social Studies Teacher at Northwest
  - Zia Pearson moves from Social Studies teacher at Edge Northwest to ELA teacher and Exceptional Services Teaching Assistant at Edge Himmel Park
  - Kierra Garland moves from math teaching assistant at Edge Northwest to Math teacher at Edge Northwest.
  - Juan Chouza moves from Math Teaching Assistant at Edge Himmel Park to Math Teaching Assistant at Edge Northwest.
  - Sydni Stout moves from Math Teaching Assistant at Edge Himmel Park to District Registrar.
  - Carla Rivera's moves from Dean of Students at Edge Himmel Park to District Recruitment, Retention, and Development Coordinator.

These moves have allowed Edge to keep team members employed without reducing salaries.

### **New Partnership with ASU for dual enrollment courses**

Edge will be partnering with Accelerate ASU to provide Edge students the opportunity to take on-line dual enrollment courses taught by ASU faculty. Accelerate ASU offers over 75 different courses in the content areas of Math, English, Social Sciences, and Business. In addition, Accelerate ASU also offers a variety of certificate programs.

Traditionally colleges and universities offer dual enrollment to high schools under the following conditions: A) the high school provides a teacher with a master's degree in the subject offered B) The class is taught in the traditional direct instruction format. Both criteria have limited Edge's ability to offer dual enrollment courses.

We are excited about this new partnership not only because it will provide access to dual enrollment courses, but because it also has the potential to help dispel a myth many Edge students hold, that college is not accessible. Not only is college possible for Edge students upon graduating, it's now also a reality while they are in high school.

## **Ways Board Members Can Support**

- Help with tabling event on July 24th from 4PM-9PM at the TCC
- Volunteer to take Edge print media to local non-profits that serve youth for the purpose of making them accessible to youth.
- Attend upcoming Edge professional learning sessions with staff.
- Eat lunch with Edge staff during our staff training days on July 30th and 31st from 12-1:00PM at Edge Himmel Park.
- If you learn about grant opportunities, please let Edge administration know.
- Encourage family and friends to donate towards a School Tax Credit to Edge.
- If you have people in your personal or professional networks who might connect with Edge's mission and vision and might have the capacity to give, please make an introduction.
- Forward the video at the link below to people in your network.

### **[What Students Say about the Support at Edge](#)**

- Like Edge social media posts on Facebook and Instagram.
- Forward Edge blog posts and social media to your network.