

Himmel Park Admin Report

November 18th, 2025

FY 26 Enrollment Update

*As of November 16th, 2025

Himmel Park: 89 students (-1 from last month)

Northwest: 47 students (-2 from last month)

Total: 136

Budget written at 150 students

Enrollment & Recruitment Efforts

- Tabled at Truly Nolen Car Show on 11/8/25
- Open House held on 10/28/28
- Staff at both campuses canvased neighboring businesses on 10/22/25
- Each campus is actively planning social events to focus on recruiting new students
- Kierra Garland and Rob Pecharich presented at a Masonic Lodge on 10/8/25
- Refer A Friend Flyer emailed home with 1st Quarter Report Cards
- Carla Rivera visited numerous non-profits including with flyers and marketing materials
- Digital Newsletter sent to over 200 district school guidance counselors
- Refer A Friend Incentive Program launched with current Edge students
- Ads on Google, Facebook, Instagram
- Outreach to students who withdrew from Edge last year
- Marketing multiple sessions and flexibility of in-person, hybrid, and distance learning options

Student Appreciation Event – November 22nd

On Tuesday, November 22nd, Edge staff will host a student appreciation event in recognition of students' positive engagement and contributions to our school community. It's a short week of just two instructional days before Thanksgiving Break. We intentionally planned a community-building activity to reinforce student belonging, connection, and motivation.

To express appreciation, staff will prepare and serve a variety of homemade soups, stews, and chilis during lunch. The intent of the event is to acknowledge students for their resilience, effort, and daily presence, as they remain the primary source of purpose and inspiration for our staff. The event will also serve as a relationship-strengthening activity aligned with our culture-building goals.

Student feedback from past iterations of the event has been positive, and staff reported that the informal, shared experience fostered a meaningful connection going into the holiday break. Board members are invited to attend from 12PM-1PM on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Reduction In Workforce

A reduction in the workforce has been implemented due to lower-than-expected student enrollment for the current academic year and the resulting budget deficit. After a review of staffing levels, course coverage needs, and projected year-end financial impact, one instructional math position at Edge Himmel Park has been eliminated.

Enrollment for FY25–26 finalized below projected targets, resulting in a budget shortfall that requires personnel adjustments to maintain fiscal responsibility. Non-salary reductions were prioritized and implemented first; however, staffing reductions became necessary to ensure a balanced operational plan while preserving required programming, student services, and compliance with state academic requirements.

The staffing reduction was not performance-based. Notification and separation procedures were carried out in person, in writing, and in accordance with school policy, contractual guidelines, and applicable regulations.

Remembering Steve Nutt

Steven Nutt was a 9th-grade student at Edge Himmel Park. We were deeply saddened to learn that Steven died by suicide at his home on Friday, October 24th. His mother notified Edge on Monday, October 27th, and staff were informed that same day. On Tuesday, October 28th, grief counselors from Tu Nidito and Marana Unified School District were on campus to

support both students and staff. Steven was known for his energy, curiosity, and genuine effort to learn his peers' names and make connections.

A memorial service was held in his honor on November 8th, attended by nearly all Edge Himmel Park staff along with 11 students. In his memory, a scholarship fund was established, and to date, \$2,200 has been donated.

<https://onecau.se/drux1>

Keep Edge Strong Campaign-Fundraising Update

The *Keep Edge Strong* campaign, launched through the OneCause platform, continues to show positive momentum. To date, we have secured \$21,980 in contributions from 48 unique donors. This level of early engagement reflects meaningful community belief in Edge's mission and the value of our work with students.

To sustain and expand this momentum, we respectfully request board partnership in donor outreach. Please forward, text, and share the campaign link — <https://onecau.se/cz2kz1> — with your personal and professional networks, along with a short note about why Edge matters to you. Personal endorsements significantly increase conversion rates and broaden our donor pipeline.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy for our students, staff, and mission.

Grant Submission Update

Edge has continued to pursue diversified funding to support student wellness, programming, and organizational sustainability. The following grant applications have been submitted:

- Community Foundation of Southern Arizona – CORE Grant: *\$75,000 request*
- Tucson Realtors Charitable Foundation: *\$7,500 request to support the social worker position*
- Sundt Foundation Grant: *\$4,000 request to support the social worker position*

In addition, Edge intends to apply for the following upcoming grant opportunities:

- Angel Charity for Children – Opportunity Grant: *\$75,000*

- Foothills Club of Tucson: *\$4,000 to support the Day of Service initiative*
- Stone Canyon Community Foundation: *\$25,000*

We will continue to update the board as awards, feedback, and next steps develop.

Edge Himmel Park Hosting A Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

Edge Himmel Park will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 25th from 8:30AM-1:30PM. Come donate blood and help save lives. You can sign up at the link below. Please forward to family and friends.

Sign-up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/42akwphm>

STEAM & Star Party Event Summary at Himmel Park Campus on January 21st, 2026 from 6PM-8PM.

Edge High School's Himmel Park Campus is hosting a STEAM & Star Party, designed to engage students, families, and community members in experiential learning across science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The event includes hands-on STEAM learning stations, guest experts, and guided stargazing opportunities. This initiative aims to strengthen student interest in STEM pathways, enhance community partnerships, and deepen family engagement through interactive and inquiry-based activities.

Participating Agencies & Planned Involvement

- Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association
- Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue & Education
- Sky School (University of Arizona)
- Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (University of Arizona)
- Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum
- School of Mining Engineering & Mineral Resources (University of Arizona)
- Arizona Astrobiology Center (*tentative*)

- University of Arizona College of Engineering
- Arizona Project WET
- Watershed Management Group
- Insect Discovery Program (University of Arizona)

Art Show Fundraiser – March 5, 2026

Edge Himmel Park will host an Art Show Fundraiser on Thursday, March 5th, in celebration of Edge High School's 30th Anniversary. The event will showcase original artwork created by Edge students, with pieces available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served, and guests will have the opportunity to learn more about Edge's academic, career, and wellness programming while celebrating student creativity and achievement.

The goals of this event are to:

- Elevate student voice and celebrate artistic talent
- Increase family, community, and donor engagement
- Promote awareness of Edge's 30-year history, impact, and future initiatives
- Generate supplemental fundraising revenue to support student programming and enrichment opportunities

Board Engagement Request:
Board members are encouraged to mark their calendars and attend this event. Additionally, board members are asked to invite individuals in their personal and professional networks who may be interested in supporting Edge's mission, learning more about its work, or contributing as future partners or donors.

Further event details, pricing, volunteer coordination, and promotional materials will be provided as planning continues.

Ways Board Members Can Support

- Connect Rob, Anne, Dave to possible donors.
- Forward/Share/Send Edge fundraising campaigns through OneCause with family and friends
- Attend the STEAM & Star Party Event on January 21st, 2026, from 6PM-8PM and bring community members.
- Attend the Art Show Fundraiser on Thursday, March 5th and invite others.
- Donate \$ for attendance incentives for students
- Donate Blood at Himmel Park's Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 25th
- Volunteer to take Edge print media to local non-profits that serve youth for the purpose of making them accessible to youth.
- If you learn about grant opportunities, please let Edge administration know.
- Encourage family and friends to donate towards a School Tax Credit to Edge.
- Like Edge social media posts on Facebook and Instagram.
- Forward Edge blog posts and social media to your network.