

Himmel Park Admin Report

January 20th, 2026

FY 26 Enrollment Update

*As of January 16th, 2026

Himmel Park: 80 students (-1 from last month)

*This decrease in enrollment from last month included:

-1 student graduated

-1 in-person learners were withdrawn after 10 consecutive absences

-2 distance learners were withdrawn after 10 consecutive absences

+ 3 new students started this month

Northwest: 59 students (+6 from last month)

Total: 139

Budget written at 150 students

Enrollment & Recruitment Efforts

- Bring a Friend To Play Pickleball 2/11/26 from 3-5PM
- Tabling event at Tucson School Fair on 1/24/26 @ Children's Museum
- Community STEM and Start Party on 1/21/26
- Newsletter sent to District School Guidance counselors on 1/14/26
- Ongoing outreach to Charter K-8 schools
- Marketing multiple sessions and flexibility of in-person, hybrid, and distance learning options

School Tax Credit Fundraising Campaign Through One Cause

Edge is embarking on his second online fundraising campaign through the OneCause platform. This campaign we are calling: *Your Taxes. Their Future*, is focused on the Arizona School Tax Credit Program.

Below is the link to the campaign. Please consider forwarding it to family and friends. As a reminder, the Arizona School Tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar credit tax credit that benefits the taxpayer and schools.

Donor Link

Learn more the School Tax Credit Program by visiting the Arizona Department of Internal Revenue's website:

[Public School Tax Credit | Arizona Department of Revenue](#)

Cognia Accreditation Engagement Review

Edge High School recently completed its Cognia Accreditation Engagement Review, including an on-site visit and exit interview. The review team identified multiple strengths that affirm Edge's mission, systems, and instructional practices.

Key Strengths Identified

- Student well-being and academic success are clearly central to Edge's mission and vision.
- Leadership engages in regular reflection to improve systems, structures, and procedures.
- Instructional practices are equitable and actively engage students in learning.
- The school has established processes for collecting, analyzing, and using data to inform decision-making.

Areas for Continued Growth

The review team also provided recommendations for ongoing improvement, including:

- Expanding opportunities for stakeholder participation in decision-making.
- Strengthening systems for ongoing instructional feedback and professional growth.
- Further developing student engagement strategies that support lifelong skills such as collaboration, creativity, reflection, and risk-taking.

- Enhancing structures that support students in setting, monitoring, and adjusting personal academic goals.

These recommendations are considered opportunities for continuous improvement and not deficiencies.

Next Steps

- Edge will receive the official Accreditation Engagement Review Report within 60 days.
- The report will include ratings across Cognia's four Key Characteristics, narrative findings, an Education Quality Score (on a 1–4 scale), and identified improvement priorities.
- The evaluators will submit their report to Cognia's International Commission, which will vote on Edge's continued accreditation on March 31.
- The review team indicated there are no concerns regarding Edge's accreditation status.

The feedback affirms Edge High School's purpose, practices, and commitment to continuous improvement in service of students. Below is a PowerPoint we used in our presentation to Cognia:

[Edge Accreditation.pptx](#)

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. Board members are encouraged to attend and invite their networks. The list of agencies attending includes:

- **Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association** – Telescope viewing set up on the southwest corner of the Catalina Methodist Church parking lot
- **Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue & Education** – Live reptile demonstrations

- **Watershed Management Group** – Interactive workshop and environmental information
- **SARSEF** – Straw rocket engineering activities
- **Coronado National Forest** – Educational demonstrations and information
- **University of Arizona Sky School** – Astronomy presentations and information
- **UA School of Mining Engineering & Mineral Resources** – Hands-on demos and activities
- **UA College of Engineering** – Interactive activities and information sessions with UA students
- **University of Arizona Project WE** – Interactive models and activities
- **University of Arizona Insect Discovery Program** – Insect science demos and information
- **University of Arizona Wildcat Rocket Engineering Club** – Rocket and ground equipment demonstrations
- **UA Wyant College of Optical Sciences** – Optics demonstrations
- **UA Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research & Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum** – Joint presentations and demonstrations
- **UA Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences** – Presentation on how space science technologies support groundwater research

Edge High School – Annual Day of Service

Edge High School will hold its annual **Day of Service**, a cornerstone community-engagement experience in which normal classes are paused and students and staff volunteer together at local nonprofit organizations across Tucson.

- **Edge Northwest** students and staff will participate on **Friday, February 13**, in partnership with **GAP Ministries**.
- **Edge Himmel Park** will participate on **Tuesday, February 24**. Confirmed partner organizations include **More Than A Bed**, **Tu Nidito**, and **Tucson Village Farm**. The campus is also in active conversations with **Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired**, **All In Youth Pickleball**, and the **Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation**.

The purposes of Edge's Day of Service are to:

- Teach students the importance of volunteering and giving back to their community
- Help students understand that nonprofit organizations exist to address real community needs and to increase awareness of available local resources
- Expose students to the possibility of meaningful careers connected to causes they care deeply about
- Reinforce that Tucson is a vibrant community with organizations committed to collective strength and well-being

Board members are invited and encouraged to participate alongside students and staff.

Ways Board Members Can Support

- Attend STEM and Story Party at Himmel Park on January 21st from 6:30-8:30PM and bring friends.
- Table with us at the Tucson School Fair at the Children's Museum on January 24th
- Donate to Edge as part of the School Tax Credit Program and support Edge will helping you on your taxes
- 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

- 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.