

Himmel Park Admin Report

July 14th, 2026

FY 27 Pre-Enrollment Update

*As of July 10th, 2026

Himmel Park

63 returning students are pre-enrolled for FY27

19 new students have pre-enrolled for FY27

= 81 total students are currently pre-enrolled for FY27

Northwest

44 returning students enrolled students are pre-enrolled for FY27

9 new students have pre-enrolled for FY27

=53 total students are currently pre-enrolled for FY27

District

There 134 total students pre-enrolled for FY27

*FY27 Budget is being written at 125 ADM.

Enrollment & Recruitment Efforts

- Grow Schools Enrollment Marketing Digital Campaign active with ads on YouTube, Google, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Clicking on an ad takes you to a "Request Info" landing page on Edge's website
- Email newsletter sent out to list of Department of Child Safety Case Workers
- Online Review campaign with recent alums and their families
- Posts in NextDoor.
- Heather V. sent info about Edge to YOTO's Program Director

- Flyers posts at COPE Community Services, Oro Valley Library, Randolph Recreation Center, Screwbean Coffee Shop, and Tu Nidito
- Refer a friend program reminder in Summer Newsletters to Edge students and their families
- Monthly newsletter sent to school counselors at both traditional district and

Nancy Hojnacki Retires

Nancy Hojnacki — or as we all know her, “HoJo” — has officially retired. We celebrate her remarkable career in education and the lasting impact she has had on students, families, and colleagues over the years.

HoJo began her career in education in Gary, Indiana, where she served as a Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for ten years before moving to Tucson. In 1991, she began working at Canyon del Oro High School as a sign language interpreter for a deaf student. Over the next 13 years, HoJo served in a variety of important roles at CDO, including Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, Special Education Teacher, and Special Education Department Head.

From 2014–2016, HoJo worked as a special education consultant supporting various charter schools before joining Edge High School in 2016 as a Special Education and Science Teacher at the Northwest Campus. Over the past decade at Edge, she served students and staff in many ways, ultimately finishing her career as Edge’s Special Education Director.

Throughout her career, HoJo inspired countless students through her compassion, advocacy, and unwavering belief in their potential. She took great pride in helping students graduate not only with diplomas, but with the skills, confidence, and independence needed to navigate life beyond high school. Her dedication to students and commitment to doing what was best for kids has left a lasting mark on our school community.

We are deeply grateful for HoJo’s years of service and the care she brought to her work each day. We wish her much joy, purpose, reflection, and adventure in retirement.

Thank you to Carla Rivera

This summer, Carla completed her 10th year of service at Edge High School. Carla was first introduced to Edge while teaching electives at Edge Northwest as an employee of Arizona Youth Partnership. Over the years, she has served in numerous roles across the organization, including Social Studies Teacher, Math Teacher, Dean of Students, and Recruitment, Retention, and Development Coordinator.

Throughout her time at Edge, Carla built meaningful connections with students, families, and staff. Her ability to connect with people, support students through challenges, and bring energy and care to the work has made a lasting impact on our school community. We are deeply grateful for the many ways she has contributed to Edge over the past decade.

Carla's position was funded through the School Improvement Grant. Unfortunately, that grant no longer supports staffing positions, and Edge has been unable to secure ongoing funding for the role.

Carla's next chapter will be a Training & Development Specialist with a defense contractor beginning in mid-August. While we will certainly miss her, we are excited for her as she begins this new opportunity and know she will bring the same relationship-building skills, dedication, and positivity to her new role.

Carla will be back on campus in late July or early August to help train and transition staff who will be taking on some of her previous responsibilities.

To support that transition, Himmel Park will be looking for a YOTO Liaison and an advisor for the pickleball class. Edge will also be looking for someone to serve as our social media coordinator.

Wendi Miller to take on a new role at Edge in the FY27 School Year

With HoJo's retirement, Wendi will be transitioning into the role of Exceptional Services Director for the upcoming school year. In this position, she will oversee Exceptional Services records requests, coordinate hearing and vision screenings, complete required state and federal reporting related to Exceptional Services students, ensure student compliance documentation remains current, and provide mentoring

and coaching support to both Exceptional Services and general education teachers regarding effective strategies and best practices for supporting students.

We are excited for Wendi as she steps into this important leadership role and look forward to the continued support and expertise she will bring to students and staff across Edge.

Ways Board Members Can Support

- Volunteer to take Edge print media to local non-profits that serve youth for the purpose of making them accessible to youth.
- Review Signature Stories PowerPoint from Grow Schools for ways to speak about Edge.
- Recruit potential new board members and connect them to Steve or Rob
- Know anyone interested in helping with enrollment or fundraising? Connect them to Rob.
- Help recruit interested volunteers to serve as a Success Coach to an Edge student in the Fall.
- Attend a staff lunch on either Thursday, July 30th or Friday, July 31st from 12PM-1PM
- Donate \$ for attendance incentives for students
- Volunteer to take Edge flyers to local businesses who have bulletin boards, walls, and tables for community information.
- Help recruit interested volunteers to serve as a Success Coach to an Edge student in the Fall.
- 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.