

# EDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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An Alternative, public, and non-profit charter school  
committed to solving a community crisis!



Thank you for supporting Edge High School students through your Taste Of Oro Valley event! We are forever grateful!



# INTRODUCTIONS

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- Name
- Pronouns
- 1 thing you hope to learn today

EDGE HIGH SCHOOL

GET TO KNOW EDGE...



# TODAY YOU WILL LEARN...

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- What role does EDGE play in the community?
- What is a charter school anyway?
- How is Edge different from other schools?
- How do students benefit from EDGE?
- What opportunities are available to support EDGE students?

## DROP OUT RATE DATA

Arizona's High School Drop Out Rate is 23%!

Pima County's Drop Out Rate is 29%!

Over 22,000 Pima County High School aged youth have dropped out of school since 2020.



Students do not feel they are having academic success




Socio-economics



Housing and food insecurities



Mental Health



# ROOT CAUSES OF HIGH DROP OUT RATES

# EDGE'S ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY?

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Reduce the local drop-out rate by re-engaging youth who have disengaged from schools by providing individualized instruction, support, and wrap around services.





A close-up photograph of a pair of hands gently cradling a small, colorful globe of the Earth. The globe shows continents in green and yellow and oceans in blue. The hands are positioned as if supporting the globe from below and sides. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown color.

The COVID-19 pandemic, forced schools across the globe to address learning loss, credit recovery, and mental health.

EDGE has been doing so since 1985!

# OUR WHY

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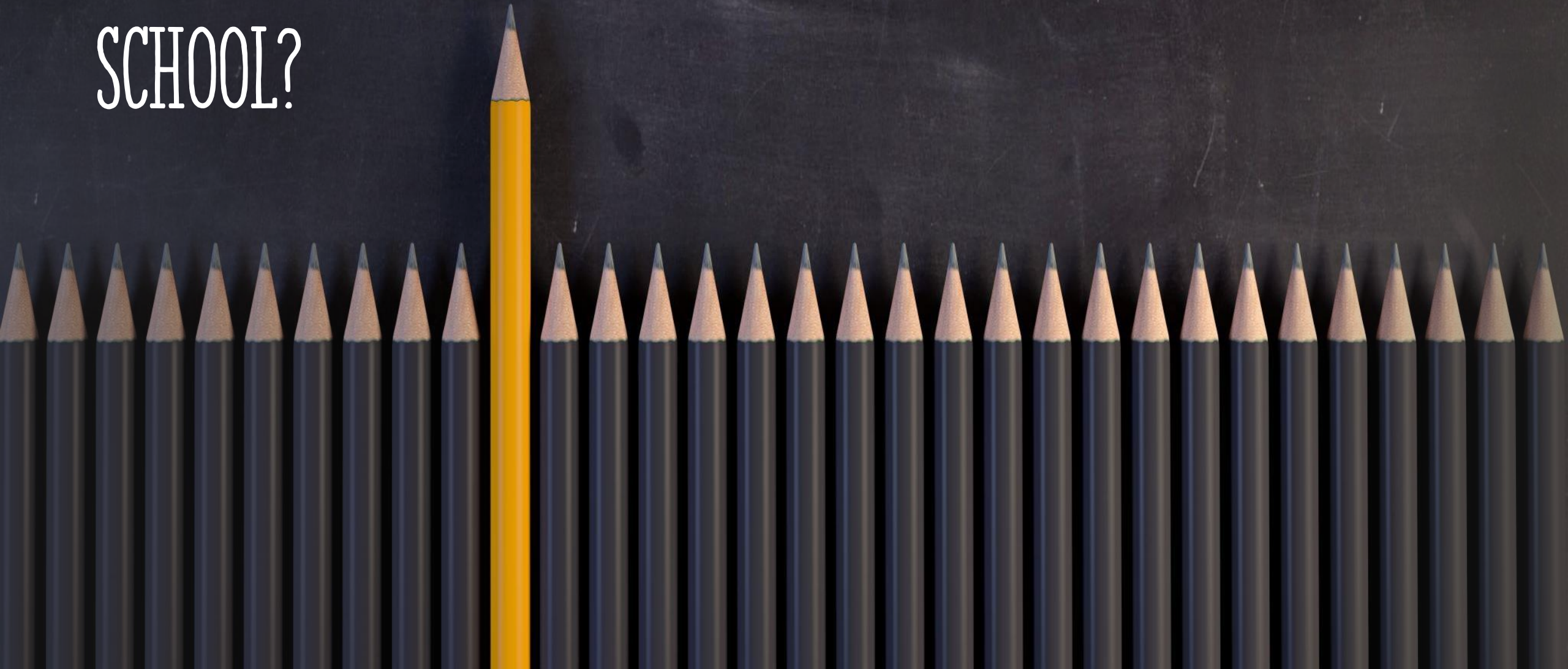
- Educational system is flawed and doesn't meet the needs of all students
- Too many students go unseen, unheard, unvalued, sometimes ignored, and at worst shamed or judged
- Systemic barriers exist that many students from thriving
- Metrics used to evaluate schools too often result in schools treating students as data points rather than human beings which results in students being "coached out."



# WHO EDGE SERVES

- Students between the ages of 14–22.
- Students from all over Pima County including; Tucson, Oro Valley, Catalina, Oracle, Marana, Red Rocks, Vail, South Tucson, & Sahuarita
- 71% of student body lives in poverty
- 8% homeless youth
- 18% students with disabilities

WHAT'S A CHARTER  
SCHOOL?



# Arizona's Public Charter Schools

## Just the Facts



Charter schools are public schools serving public students.



Every public charter school enters a contract with the state to improve student achievement and is held accountable for results.



As public schools, charters are open to all children, do not require entrance exams, cannot charge tuition, and must participate in state testing and federal accountability programs.



Public charter schools must accept all students including those with disabilities and English learners.



Public charters receive less funding than district schools.



Arizona's public charters reflect the state's diversity with a majority-minority enrollment.



Charters excel academically: in 2019, the last year of available achievement data before the pandemic, 73% of Arizona's charter schools received either an "A" or "B" letter grade.



Public charter schools must follow all applicable federal and state laws.

**232,000+**

Students enrolled in  
Arizona charters

**560**

Charter Schools

**28%**

of Arizona's public  
schools are charters



WHAT MAKES EDGE UNIQUE?



# THE EDGE DIFFERENCE

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- 1on1 instruction
- Small class sizes
- Self-paced model that allows for credit recovery and accelerated learning
- Identify and remediate skill gaps
- 1:1 student to computer ratio
- Licensed social workers
- Behavioral health partners
- Emotional intelligence curriculum
- Relentless commitment to help families identify and remove barriers to learning
- Community partners providing wrap around services

# Community Partners





Be You. With Us.  
**At Edge.**

An "A"  
Rated  
School



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MATT'S STORY



# FUN FACTS

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- Edge is the oldest charter school in Pima County, and one of the ten oldest in the state, operating as a charter school since 1995.
- EDGE is an acronym that stands for EDucational Group Effort High School which represents our vision for education in which an entire community are partners in educating youth.
- Prior to the charter school legislation that passed in 1995, EDGE operated as early as 1985 as grant funded credit recovery program run by Pima County.
- EDGE operated TUSD and Sunnyside Unified School District's first credit recovery programs prior to receiving charter school status.





# WANT TO HELP?

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Learn

Learn more by touring an Edge campus

Volunteer

Volunteer as a guest speaker or tutor

Participate in

Participate in our Day of Service

Join

Join our board

Donate

Donate to help us to better serve more students

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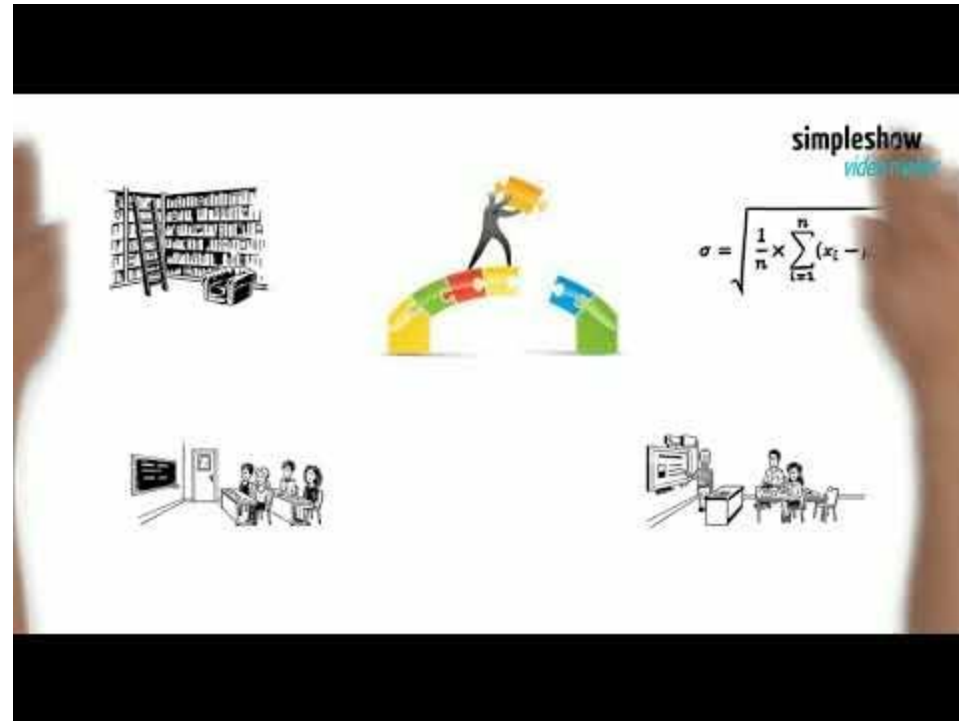
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QUESTIONS

