MEXICO EDUCATION CENTER
Board of Education Report

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Mexico Education Center Overview

- **Enrollment:** 41 in-seat, 84 (online) → **125 total**
- **2025–26 Year Total (currently enrolled In-seat students+Mocap students+ dropped to return to inseat 25-26 school yr): 18**

Why Families Choose MEC:

- Personalized learning and flexible scheduling
- Supportive environment for non-traditional learners
- Alternative diploma paths, including HiSET
- Focus on future success through career and college readiness

Families consistently view MEC as a place where students can thrive academically, personally, and professionally.

Current Operations

- **Structure:** Two daily 3-hour sessions, 5 days a week; 2 teachers
- **Expectations:** >90% attendance for most students; 3+ credits per semester; required employment for credit; Edgenuity as main platform

- **Accountability:** Students may be dismissed for poor progress or attendance due to program demand

- **MO-Options:** Coordinated by Mr. Drew Widaman; offers HiSET-based graduation path for eligible students; positively impacts district graduation rate

Reviews & Conferences

- Individual quarterly reviews in October with parent-teacher conferences

- Evaluations include academics, attendance, employment, attitude, and JAG progress

JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) Program

January JAG Summary – MEC Students

Financial Literacy – Mr. Widman & Mr. Neely
Students participated in a financial literacy lesson focused on managing income, basic banking, and making smart spending/saving choices to build long-term stability.

Budgeting – Mr. Widman & Mr. Neely
Students practiced creating a realistic budget (pay, bills, gas, food, and personal spending), with emphasis on planning ahead, needs vs. wants, and adjusting for unexpected costs.

Mindfulness-Mr Widaman
Students learned mindfulness strategies to improve self-regulation, focus, and decision-making, including simple stress-management tools they can use at school and work.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Ayanna Shivers (Lincoln University): Civic Duty
Dr. Shivers discussed Lincoln University, future opportunities, and civic responsibility, encouraging students to think about leadership, community involvement, and positive impact.

Career Readiness & Employability Skills-Mr Neely
Students worked on job-ready skills like communication, attendance, teamwork, and professionalism, along with basics like applications and interview expectations.