MEXICO EDUCATION CENTER
Board of Education Report

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Mexico Education Center Overview

- **Enrollment:** 30 in-seat, 87 (online) → **120 total**
- **2025–26 Year Total (currently enrolled In-seat students+Mocap students+ dropped to return to inseat 25-26 school yr): 20**

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

March JAG Summary – MEC Students

JAG Program Activities Breakdown

- **Spartan Light Metal Products Tour**
  Students toured Spartan Light Metal Products to gain firsthand exposure to manufacturing careers, workplace expectations, and industry operations.
- **Plunket Park Cleanup**
  Students participated in a community service project by cleaning Plunket Park, promoting civic responsibility and teamwork.
- **Lincoln University Tour**
  Students visited Lincoln University to explore postsecondary opportunities, campus life, and academic pathways.
- **NCAA March Madness Bracket Activity**
  Students completed a March Madness bracket activity to build engagement, decision-making skills, and friendly competition while connecting to real-world events.
- **Financial Literacy Presentation (Kiki Long & Brett Sadler)**
  Guest speakers Kiki Long and Brett Sadler presented on financial literacy and banking, helping students develop essential money management and budgeting skills.