

# The Kindezi School at Gideons Elementary

*School Parent and Family Engagement  
Policy/Plan  
2019-2020*



**The Kindezi School**

An Atlanta Public Charter School

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Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## **What is Title I?**

*The Kindezi School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeed Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts to help ensure that all children in district Title I schools meet the state's high academic standards. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and including strategies to support parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and families a written parent and family engagement policy/plan.*

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how The Kindezi School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. The Kindezi School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that The Kindezi School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### **How is it developed?**

The Kindezi School invites all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is sent home with each student by September 30<sup>th</sup>. It is available in the Parent Resource Center, electronically through Facebook and email for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The Kindezi School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

### **Where is it available?**

The plan is distributed in hardcopy with each student, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the main office, the Parent Resource Center and electronically.

## 2019-2020 District Goal



### ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

#### 2019-2020 The Kindezi School Instructional Goals

##### **ELA**

- ELA student growth percentile (SGP) on MAP exceeds 60th percentile
- 80% of student grow 1 or more levels on STEP reading assessment
- Decrease beginning learner rate in ELA by 20% in grades 3-5

##### **Math**

- Math student growth percentile (SGP) on MAP exceeds 60th percentile
- Increase math proficiency rate by 20% on the GA Milestones in grades 3-5

### School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, The Kindezi School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School wide Planning meeting and the School Forum.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts specifically for each grade level. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year.

## Kindezi Parents Let's Get Together!

The Kindezi School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

#### *Title I School wide Planning and Budget Meeting – September - 2019*

Parents participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement budget and revisions of the parental involvement policy and school-parent compacts.

#### *Fall Festival – September/October 2019*

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics. Grades K-5.

#### *Annual Title I Meeting/Parent Resource Center Open House – September 2019*

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' right to know. Invitations will be sent home with scholars, sent via email, posted on the school's webpage and local media.

#### *GO Team - Monthly Meetings (September 2019 – May 2020)*

Learn about the decisions the parents, educators and the community members are making on behalf of the students at Kindezi at Gideons Elementary.

#### *Grade level transition for Parents (as needed)*

#### *Parent Café/Parent University – Bimonthly meetings (September 2019 – April 2020)*

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education through workshops and community engagement.

#### *School Forum – May 2020*

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

*Future Events will be announced through take home flyers, emails, texts, and Remind messages.*

### ***Parent Resource Center***

We encourage all parents to visit our Parent Resource Center Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

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### **Parental Involvement**

The Kindezi School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play a role in assisting their child's learning,
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home,
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child,
- The execution of other activities as described in this plan.

The Kindezi School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.

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### **The Kindezi School is Branching Out!**

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and/or included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with AVLF and Stewart Centers programs by conducting meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and students and improve school transition.
- Share information in English on the school website, social media platforms and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card in parent resource room and main office, post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests.

## Parent Involvement Standards

**Standard 1: A Culture That Includes Every Family**

**Standard 2: Build Relationships and Effective Communication**

**Standard 3: Family Participation in Decision Making**

**Standard 4: Empowering Every Family**

**Standard 5: Engaging the Greater Community**

## Kindezi Parent Association

The Kindezi School invites **ALL** parents to join the Kindezi Parent Teacher Community Alliance to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community.

The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent resource center.

If you would like to learn more about the Kindezi PTCA, please contact:

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## Kindezi Parent Teacher Community Alliance

- Yes, I am excited about joining the PTCA
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the PTCA
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions regarding this plan please provide us with your feedback.

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**Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.**

**Name: (optional)**

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**Telephone Number: (optional)**

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