

# The Kindezi School

## ***School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2020-2021***

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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 a written parent and family engagement plan with all parents and families.*

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

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how The Kindezi School West will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. The Kindezi School West 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 West 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 West invites all parents to attend our Title I Parental Engagement Input meeting to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, our School-Parent Compact and the parental engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is sent home with each student by October 31st.

It is available in the Parent Resource Room, electronically through school website and Parent Square 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 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 West 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 Parent Resource Room and electronically.

## The Kindezi School West 2020-2021 Goals

**Literacy:** The number of beginning level students will decrease by 50% and the number of proficient level and distinguished level students will increase by 20%. This goal will be supported by providing additional academic resources and assignments to improve critical thinking skills, processing, analyzing, research and expression that focus on fluency, comprehension, and phonics.



## School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, The Kindezi School West 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 compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Title I Parent Engagement Input meeting. 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 West will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- **Family Curriculum Night – Semester 1 and 2**

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics. Grades K-5 and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8th.

- **Leadership Café – Semester 1 and 2**

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education and engage directly with our school Principal and Assistant Principals.

- **SSS Parent Symposium – Semester 1 and 2**

Exploration of academic and social programming at Kindezi West including SEL, Gifted, High School transition and more.

- **Annual Title I Meeting – Semester 1**

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

- **Spring Title I Parent Engagement Input Meeting – Semester 2**

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.

- **Chat and Chew– Semester 1 and 2**

Learn how Kindezi is growing. Topics include bullying, navigating Kindezi, technology safety, and more...

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

*Future Events will be announced through Parent Square, take home flyers, school event calendar and social media.*

## Parent and Family Engagement

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

Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.  
Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.  
The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.  
Provide information in English, and Spanish

## Parent Resource Room "Zen Den"

We encourage all parents and families to visit our Parent Resource Room  
(Located in the first door on the left of entrance)  
Monday - Friday 7:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Keisha Spells, *Community and Family Engagement Specialist*  
[mspells@kindezi.org](mailto:mspells@kindezi.org)  
(404) 802-8260

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

If you need support with attending any parent and family engagement event, please contact:  
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## The Kindezi School West is Branching Out!

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school 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 parent square for all parents.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods and staff meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled professional development sessions.
- Collaborate with Head Start, early childcare programs and local libraries by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Conduct home visits to engage families in ways to improve their student's academic success.
- Share information on the school website and in the school newsletters 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 parent square, 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 PTA 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 forms in parent resource room and main office.
- Post meeting minutes/information online within 48 hours following events.
- Stream meetings periodically online throughout the school year to engage all families.

## Parent Involvement Standards

Standard 1: Welcoming All Families

Standard 2: Communicating Effectively

Standard 3: Supporting Student Success

Standard 4: Speaking Up for Every Child

Standard 5: Sharing Power

Standard 6: Collaborating with Community



## Kindezi Parent Teacher Association

The Kindezi School West invites **ALL** parents to join the Kindezi Parent Teacher Association 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 surveys and website.



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## Kindezi Parent Teacher Association

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

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

## Share Your Thoughts

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

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

Name: (optional)

Email/Telephone Number: (optional)

