

The Kindezi School at Gideons Elementary

*School Parent and Family Engagement
Policy/Plan
2020-2021*



The Kindezi School

An Atlanta Public Charter School

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Pre-K – 5th 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 30th. It is available in the Parent Resource Center, electronically through 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.

2020-2021 District Goal



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

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

Kindezi at Gideons Academic Goals 2020-2021

- 70% of students will meet their ELA and Math growth targets in MAP for Fall-Spring and Spring-Spring in SY21.
- 80% of students show 2 Step levels of reading growth.
- Increase math proficiency rate by 20% on the GA Milestones in grades 3-5.
- Decrease beginning learner rate in ELA by 20% in grades 3-5.
- MTSS-15% of students in the strategic percentile will move to benchmark or intensive after winter MAP administration.

School-Parent Compact

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.

GO Team Meetings – Monthly

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

Fall Festival/ELA Night – October 22, 2020

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

Wolfpack Society Workshops - Monthly (3rd Wednesday of every month)

Learn how Gideons is growing.

Annual Title I Meeting and Quarter 1 Review – November 4, 2020

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.

Grade level transition for Parents (as needed)

School Forum – May 2021

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.

Georgia Milestone Testing – TBD

Future Events will be announced through flyers, emails, texts, and Parent Square messages. These dates are tentative and subject to change.

Parent Resource Center

We encourage all parents to visit our

Parent Resource Center

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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

Parent Teacher Association

The Kindezi School invites **ALL** parents and community members to join the Kindezi Parent Teacher Association to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships within the school, families, and also within 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 PTA, please contact:

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Kindezi Parent Teacher Association

- Yes, I am excited about joining the PTA
- 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: _____

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.

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

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)
