

# The Kindezi School

## *School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022*



**The Kindezi School**

An Atlanta Public Charter School

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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 2015 (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 plan.

# School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how The Kindezi School O4W will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. The Kindezi School O4W 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 O4W 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 O4W invites all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, our school-parent compact and the family 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 September 24, 2021. It is available in the Parent Resource Corner, electronically through school website, Facebook and emailed 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 Corner and electronically.

## 2021-2022 District Goal



### ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

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

### 2021-2022 The Kindezi School Goals

Our average MAP percentile will grow by 5% from Fall to Spring.

## School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, The Kindezi School O4W 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 School wide Planning meeting and the School Forum. 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 O4W 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.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – September 2021***

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 email, post on the school's webpage and local media.

### ***Curriculum Night/PTCA – September 2021***

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

### ***Chat and Chew– Monthly***

Learn how Kindezi is growing.

### ***Coffee and Conversation (October 2021 – March 2022)***

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

### ***Family University – Monthly (SEL & Interactive Workshops) 2 per Quarter***

Learn more about your scholar & gain knowledge from the workshops to take home to your family.

### ***Parent Work Day- (1 per Semester – October 2021 & January 2022)***

### ***Kindezi Day (Family Fun & Resource Fair)***

Spring 2022 Cross community event between all Kindezi Schools

### ***School Forum – May 2022***

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

*Future Events will be announced through take home flyers, email, text, and voice messenger.*

### **Parent Resource Room**

We encourage all parents to visit our  
Parent Resource Corner  
(located in the media center)

Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

DeShon Graddy, Parent Liaison  
dgraddy@kindezi.org

### **Parent and Family Engagement**

The Kindezi School O4W 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:

- 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.
- 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.

The Kindezi School O4W 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:

**DeShon Graddy, Community & Family Engagement Specialist,**  
dgraddy@kindezi.org - (404) 719-4005

## **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 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 Head Start, Early Reading 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 in English and Spanish 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 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 PTCA and Family Engagement Team 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 corner and main office, post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests.

## 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Kindezi Parent Association

The Kindezi School O4W 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 surveys and website.

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

**DeShon Graddy**, *Community & Family Engagement Specialist*,  
dgraddy@kindezi.org

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## 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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