

The Kindezi School

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022



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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 Center, 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 engagement. 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 main office, the Parent Resource Room and electronically.

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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 Compacts

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 compacts are 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.

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 West 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.

Family Curriculum Night – Semester 1 and 2

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

Leadership Parent Café – Quarterly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education and engage directly with our school Principal and School Leadership Team.

Parent University Education Series- Monthly

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

Student Support Services 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 – October 2021

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide 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.

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 schoolwide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

Grade level transition for Parents (as needed)

Parent Resource Room "Zen Den"

We encourage all parents to visit our
Parent Resource Room
(Located in the first door on the left of entrance)
Monday- Friday 7:45 AM-3:00 PM
Keisha Spells,
Family and Community Engagement Specialist
mspells@kindezi.org

Parent and Family Engagement

The Kindezi School West 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:

- 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 carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.
- Provide information in English, and Spanish as applicable

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

If you need support attending any parent and family engagement event, please contact:

Keisha Spells, Family and Community Engagement Specialist
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(404) 802-8260

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 Parent Square 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 professional development sessions.
- Partner with Head Start and Early Childcare programs, and local libraries to conduct joint 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 school website, Parent Square, newsletter for parents to understand the schools academic standards and assessments as well as the way they can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide 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 PTA and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events electronically and/or in-person.
- Post suggestion form on Parent Square within 48 hours following events.
- Stream meetings periodically online throughout the school year to engage all families.

Parent Engagement 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 2021-22 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: _____

Kindezi Parent Association

The Kindezi School West invites **ALL** parents to join the Kindezi West 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.



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)
