



The Kindezi Schools

At Charles L Gideons Elementary
A Proud Partner School of Atlanta Public Schools

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School, Parent, & Family Engagement Plan 2026-2027

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What is Title I?

The Kindezi School at Gideons is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act of 2017. Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts to help ensure that all students in district Title I schools receive the support needed to 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 Genius Achievement

What Is It?

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

How Is It Developed?

Kindezi Gideons invites all parents to attend our Title I Parent Engagement Input meeting (held during the spring, annually) to review and revise the Parent Engagement Plan, our School-Family Compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding these plans are welcomed and encouraged throughout the year. The plan is sent home with each genius by October 31 of every year. It is available in the Parent Resource room, the front foyer, and electronically via 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 enrolled in Title I schools benefit from the Title I, Part A program. Geniuses and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Kindezi Gideons will provide full opportunities and necessary accommodations for parents with limited English language skills, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where Is It Available?

The plan is distributed in hard copy form with each student and is distributed at the annual Title I Fall meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource room, the front foyer, and electronically via Parent Square.

When Is It Available?

The updated School-Family Compact and updated School, Parent, & Family Engagement Plan must be made available and distributed to every family by October 31 of every year.

School - Family Compact

As a part of our School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan, Kindezi Gideons and our families will utilize the strategies and goals in our School-Family Compact. The School-Family Compact is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers, and students work together to make sure our geniuses reach grade level standards and beyond.

The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, geniuses, and teachers during the Title I Parent Engagement Input meeting (held during the spring, annually). A copy of the School-Family Compact is distributed to every family to use during the school year.

Our Beliefs About Family Engagement

The following is a list of beliefs and actions upheld by the teachers and staff at Kindezi Gideons regarding parent and family engagement:

- Parents/guardians, teachers & staff participate in two way communication involving genius' academic learning and other school activities.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their genius' education at school and at home.
- Parents/guardians are full partners in their child's education and are invited to participate in decision making via advisory committees (PTA, GO Team, Family Engagement Leadership Team, Class Parent Lead, Carver Advisory Team) to assist in the education of their genius.
- Parents/guardians and families are key stakeholders and help in fulfilling the goals and activities outlined in this plan.
- Information is provided in English and Spanish.

Our Parent Involvement Standards

Standard 1: All Families Are Welcome in Our Learning Environment & Wolf Pack Family

Standard 2: Communicating Effectively

Standard 3: Supporting Genius' Success (Academically, Socially, Emotionally, Physically)

Standard 4: Speaking Up For Every Genius

Standard 5: Sharing Power

Standard 6: Collaborating with Community

Kindezi Gideons 2026-2027 SMART Goals

Whole Child & Intervention: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the percentage of students with 10 or more absences will decrease at least **10%** from **40%** to **30%**, giving us a CCRPI (College & Career Ready Performance Index) score of **70%** or higher.

Literacy: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the % of students in grades 3-5 scoring in the beginner category will decrease by **10%** from **40%** to **30%** and the % of students scoring in the proficient category will increase by **10%** from **18%** to **28%** in Reading/ELA on Milestones Data

Numeracy: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the % of students in grades 3-5 scoring in the beginner category will decrease by **10%** from **25%** to **15%** and the % of students scoring in the proficient category will increase by **10%** from **28%** to **38%** in Math on milestones data.

Family Resource Room

We welcome and encourage all parents and adult family members to visit our Family Resource Room.

Information on connecting with our community partners, access to the internet for work and professional development, and limited printing are some of the resources available.

The room is available Monday - Friday from 9am-2pm, unless Ms Diop is out of the building.

Appointments are encouraged but not required.

Please contact Ms Diop, our Family & Community Engagement Specialist (FACES), if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment. She can be reached at 404.802.7711 or ydiop@kindezi.org.

Our Commitments to Our Geniuses & Families

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

- Provide training for all staff 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.
- Conduct Home Visits to engage families in ways to support their genius and to strengthen our school home connections.
- Share information with parents/guardians, to help them understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as ways to monitor their genius' progress and ways to communicate with and work well with teachers and staff.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities via Parent Square, the school's website, flyers & social media.
- Provide necessary information and materials for families at events, meetings, activities and conferences to help parents work with their genius to improve academic performance and outcomes.
- Use our PTA and Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan.
- Collect feedback from parents/guardians about all events and have feedback forms in the Parent Room and main office.
- As often as possible, stream meeting and events online to increase parents' ability to participate
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English & Spanish and posted on the school website, information board, and Parent Square.