

# GENESIS

## INNOVATION ACADEMY

### TITLE 1 ANNUAL PARENT MEETING

2020-2021

Head of Schools: Dr. Gavin Samms

Title 1 Facilitator: Renetta Dees

## Agenda

October 29, 2020

12:00pm & 5:00pm

Welcome Genesis families and community members!

### 1. What is a Title I school?

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I, Part A Section 1116 provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies to meet the needs of at-risk children. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities that support scholars in meeting the state's challenging performance standards.

### 2. How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

Both GIA Academies are schoolwide Title I programs.

### 3. How does our school spend Title I money?

#### Local School Allocations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Girls Academy ~ \$ 136,968.00

Boy Academy ~ \$ 149,781.00

Funds will be used to supplement instructional equipment and materials, tutorial programs, technology software and professional development and training for teachers.

### 4. What are our schools' Title I (schoolwide) requirements?

The purpose of schoolwide Title I programs is to improve the entire educational program in a school. This should result in improving the academic achievement of all scholars, particularly the lowest achieving scholars.

### 5. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade District Target Goals as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS):

1. At least 80% of scholars will read on or above grade level.
2. At least 80% of scholars will demonstrate grade level writing and use of language.
3. 80% of all scholars will demonstrate a minimum Scholar Growth Percentile (SGP) of 40 in mathematics.

#### Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

The percentage of Genesis Innovation Academy Scholars, in grades K-2, scoring at or above grade level on the spring map administration will increase by 5-10 percentage points. This is our first year collecting data from write score testing; therefore, we will base goals, going forward, on those results

**Programs/Supports:** Integrated reading and writing all subjects, teacher tutorials for math, reading & language arts, teacher data teams, instructional coaches, and teacher professional development on ways to help raise achievement

**Other programs:** Edgenuity, Exact Path, Write Score Assessments, Freckle Math

## **6. What curriculum does our school use?**

Genesis Innovation Academies use the state adopted standards as the basis of our curriculum. Currently the adopted curriculum is the Georgia Standards of Excellence. These standards provide clear expectation for instruction, assessment, and scholar work. Teachers are encouraged to use instructional frameworks which include an opening, work session, and closing for the delivery of instruction. Pacing guides and curriculum units called "frameworks" are some of the resources used to support the implementation of the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

## **7. What assessments will my child be taking?**

Scholars in grades three through nine take the Georgia Milestones assessment. The assessment is solely based on mastery of the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

- Georgia Milestones rely on the Georgia Scholar Growth Model (GSGM) initiative designed to provide scholars, parents, educators, and the public with important information on scholar progress. Academic achievement only tells part of the story. The addition of scholar growth tells a more complete story about the academic performance of scholars. It not only reports where scholars ended up, but how much progress they made to get there (growth).

## **8. What is required by law for parent and family engagement?**

### **School systems must:**

- Build capacity in parents as partners
- Share and support parents in attaining high scholar achievement
- The school district will be governed by the following definition of parental involvement and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition in Section 8101 of the ESSA:

***Parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving scholar academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring that:***

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESEA

**9. What opportunities does the school provide for parent and family engagement?** (Due to Covid-19, activities may be canceled, on-line or rescheduled. Volunteer opportunities are currently suspended until further notice.)

- GIA has several curricular nights that families/parents are encouraged to attend such as: Parent Orientations, Open House, & Curriculum Night. We also have a monthly Scholar of the Month celebrations, Math & Reading Bowls, & year-end awards celebrations for each grade level.
- GIA teachers & staff love having parent volunteers. Volunteers are welcome to come help teachers & work in front office staff or administrators. Volunteers may also be needed for other events such as picture day, field day, sporting events and other special occasions.

**10. Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications?** We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching

- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration
- You may also ask whether your child received help from a paraprofessional, and information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Please rest assured that our staff is committed to helping your child reach his or her maximum academic potential throughout their school career. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled and delivering quality instruction to your child.

#### **11. How do parents communicate concerns?**

- Parents should bring school issues and concerns to the teachers, then the assigned Executive Director.
- Parents should bring Title concerns to Renetta Dees, Genesis Innovation Academic Title I Coordinator ([rdees@giacademy.org](mailto:rdees@giacademy.org))

Closing and evaluations We welcome parent questions/comments throughout the presentation! We want to make sure you leave the meeting informed about the Title I program as well as the opportunities the school provides to get involved. Thank you for coming! We hope to see you again very soon.