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Kesher Academy, Henderson's First City-Authorized Public Charter School, Receives Great Schools for Nevada CSP Award

$709,959 in two-year federal Charter Schools Program support will help the school grow its team, strengthen its academic program and serve more families

HENDERSON, Nev. — October 27, 2026 — Kesher Academy, the first public charter school authorized by the City of Henderson, has been awarded a $709,959 subgrant through the Great Schools for Nevada CSP, administered by Opportunity 180. The award will support Kesher's implementation period from August 2026 through July 2028.

Kesher Academy opened its doors on August 10, 2026, on the campus of Congregation Ner Tamid. The tuition-free public school currently serves 42 students in kindergarten through second grade, surpassing its first-year enrollment goal of 35 students. The school plans to add one grade each year, eventually expanding into a full kindergarten through eighth-grade campus. Kesher Academy's mission is to foster meaningful connections between language and identity, students and community, and heritage and innovation.

The Great Schools for Nevada CSP support will help Kesher:

- Strengthen its academic program, including English Learner and special education capacity
- Grow and develop its founding team of teachers and staff
- Expand outreach so more families can choose Kesher, with enrollment for the 2027–28 school year opening November 1

"As a founding parent, this journey has been deeply personal to me," said Jordan Betten, Board Chair of Kesher Academy. "We believe every child deserves access to an exceptional education. Our dream has always been to create a school where academic excellence, language learning, cultural understanding and a genuine sense of community come together. This support gives our young school the opportunity to grow, strengthen its foundation and reach more families who might otherwise never have access to an experience like this. We are committed to making Kesher a school that our families and our community can be proud of."

"I am honored, proud and truly humbled to be part of something so meaningful for this community," said Dr. Eve Breier, Principal of Kesher Academy. "Thank you to Opportunity 180 for believing in the mission and vision of Kesher Academy. Building a school is a team sport, and we have one incredible team of teachers, families and partners. We look forward to working alongside Opportunity 180 as we build a beautiful community at Kesher, and to welcoming more families next year."

"We're excited to support Kesher Academy as they build a school community where students and families feel supported and have the opportunity to thrive," said Tamara Shear, CEO of Opportunity 180. "This grant will help strengthen their academic program, support the teachers and staff who will bring their vision to life, and connect more families with the school. We're proud to be part of this work and look forward to seeing all that Kesher Academy will accomplish."

Kesher Academy is supported by the Hebrew Public network of schools, whose mission is to lead a national movement of exceptional schools that teach Modern Hebrew to children of all backgrounds and prepare them to be successful global citizens.

Families interested in enrolling for the 2027–28 school year can learn more at www.KesherAcademy.org.

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