

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEADER IN ME

A WHOLE DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

BE PROACTIVE
BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST
KNOW WHO YOU WANT TO BE
SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND
then to be understood
synergize
SHARPEN THE SAW

Texarkana Independent School District has a critical role to play in helping our youth develop their full potential. *The Leader in Me* is Franklin Covey's whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

The Leader in Me is aligned with best-in-class content and concepts practiced by global education thought leaders. It provides a logical, sequential and balanced process to help schools proactively design the culture that reflects their vision of the ideal school.

Content from *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* is a key component of the overall *The Leader in Me* process. *The 7 Habits* is a synthesis of universal, timeless principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, which are secular in nature and common to all people and cultures.

The Leader in Me is also aligned to many national and state academic standards. The process teaches students the skills needed for academic success in any setting. These skills include critical thinking, goal setting, listening and speaking, self-directed learning, presentation-making and the ability to work in groups.

As part of our schools efforts as *The Leader in Me* campuses, the TISD Student & Community Development Department has introduced "Leader in Me" Superintendent Luncheons. Every six weeks two students from each campus are recognized for showing a specific *The Leader in Me* habit. These students, their parents and teachers/principal join together to celebrate their success and encourage their continued support of displaying positive habits which will develop the leader in every child.



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