

## What is a Lighthouse School?

The Leader in Me Lighthouse Certification is a highly-regarded recognition for outstanding achievement. Lighthouse Certification is evidence that Auxier has produced outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing the Leader in process with fidelity and excellence. It is also evidence of the extraordinary impact that the school is having on staff, students, parents, and the community. Lighthouse certification is the highest achievement a school can receive when they participate in the Leader in Me program.

## We have earned Lighthouse certification by meeting the following criteria:

- The principal, school administration and staff engage in ongoing learning and develop as leaders, while championing leadership for the school.
- Leadership principles are effectively taught to all students through direct lessons, integrated approaches, and staff modeling. Students are able to think critically about and apply leadership principles.
- Families and the school partner together in learning about the 7 Habits and leadership principles through effective communication and mutual respect.
- The school community is able to see leadership in the physical environment, hear leadership through the common language of the 7 Habits, and feel leadership through a culture of caring, relationships, and affirmation.
- Leadership is shared with students through a variety of leadership roles and student voice leads to innovations within the school.
- •Schoolwide, classroom, family and community leadership events provide authentic environments to celebrate leadership, build culture, and allow students to practice leadership skills.
- The school utilizes The 4 Disciplines of Execution process to identify and track progress toward the high priority goals of the school, classroom, and staff members.
- •Students lead their own learning with the skills to assess their needs, set appropriate goals, and carry out action plans. They track progress toward goals in Leadership Notebooks and share these notebooks with adults in student-led conferences.
- Teacher planning and reflection, trusting relationships, and student-led learning combine to create environments for highly engaged learning.

There are currently only 6 schools in Arizona that have earned Lighthouse certification. We are the first school in Chandler Unified School District to earn this prestigious honor.