

# Leader in Me®



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Wausau School District continues to create academic and social-emotional support systems linked directly to the needs of our students. Beginning September of the 2021-22 school year, all elementary, middle, and high schools in the Wausau School District are implementing a social and emotional learning model called, *Leader in Me*.

*Leader in Me* is a whole-district improvement model that uses teaching practices to promote social and emotional learning for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. *Leader in Me* is based on the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, and the work of Stephen Covey. The model empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. These principles allow the development of student leaders who not only succeed academically but also are proactive contributors to our school and community.

Through teacher-led instruction, *Leader in Me* students will acquire and apply skills to:

- understand and manage emotions
- set and achieve positive goals
- feel and show empathy for others
- establish and maintain positive relationships
- make responsible decisions
- work well with others
- use leadership skills in and out of the classroom

Thank you for assisting the Wausau School District in building a system of student support. Your support will ensure that each student has the opportunity to receive the assistance they need to achieve social-emotional success. If you would like to learn more about *Leader in Me*, please refer to the [Parent's Guide - English](#) or contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

Angela Lloyd  
Director of Pupil Services