

EPiC Elementary

LIBERTY, MISSOURI



TODAY

EPiC Elementary is "Every Person is Inspired to Create." As a relentlessly adaptable learning community, we embrace the rapidly evolving world of new technologies, global challenges, and undiscovered mysteries of the 21st century as our learning environment.

- Strong visionary leadership, exemplary teachers, and widespread community support provide a transformative learning environment centered on creativity, innovation, personal learning, and real-world work.
- Leveraging 1:1 iPad mobile technology, students curate, create, and publish digital content and invest in their learning path. Using real tools and materials, students collaboratively construct real-world applications of their knowledge, designed to make an impact on the community.
- Teachers include inquiry, innovation, personalization, and reflection as integral components of professional learning, integrating the Apple ecosystem into learning experiences.

VISION

Built upon three timeless pillars and a foundation of shared leadership, we continually match our vision to the world, reflecting our community, society, and world.

EMPOWER CREATIVITY



Our vision is to continually ignite and nurture the creative spark in every child as they discover the power they have to impact the world.

EQUIP STUDENTS



For all students, we promote the entrepreneurial spirit, where innovation is second nature. Through building relationships, taking smart risks, and knowing there is more than one way, students direct their learning paths.

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES



Looking at the world through a wide-angle lens, students identify and engage communities with the objective of making a positive impact, leading with creativity, ideas, and the flexibility to adapt and problem-solve.



VISION IN ACTION



- [Empower Creativity Vision](#)
- [We Can Create Anywhere](#)
- [Studio Four: Give Us The Ballot](#)
- [Creativity with Mr. B: EPiC's Art Teacher](#)
- [The World is Our Classroom](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

- 300 students
- 25 faculty
- Public
- K-5

APPLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Students:

- 1:1 iPad
- iMac lab
- MacAir mobile labs
- Apple Pencils
- Everyone Can Create
- Everyone Can Code

Teachers

- 1:1 iPad
- 1:1 MacAir
- 1:1 Apple pencils
- Apple Teacher

Studios:

- Apple TV

Apple Professional Learning:

- Early Adopters of Everyone Can Create



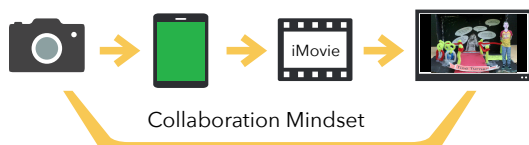
Distinguished School





Collaboration, creative thinking, critical thinking, and communication are embedded in all learning processes as our students' design, create, and produce daily. Using Apple technology, students identify relevant issues and produce plausible solutions. Studio 5 students re-designed their usually face-to-face hunger awareness event into a virtual event using Apple technology and social media platforms, resulting in a broader audience to share learning. They produced videos using iMovie, created animated poetry with Keynote, connected globally with FaceTime, and developed an enhanced commitment to serving others in our community.

EPiC teachers co-design learning experiences with EPiC learners to engage the real-world, igniting the imagination, building confidence, and helping learners see the world of possibilities. Using strategies such as goal management and project workflows, students examine what matters to them personally, making their ideas and learning visible. Studio 4 students designed a project workflow to produce change maker visual stories using green screen technology:



Apple technology provides platforms for students to connect with global networks, produce creative works, and manage projects with impact potential. EPiC teachers integrate coding into the curriculum, foster a creative and collaborative learning environment, design learning experiences embedded in the real world, and build foundational skills using iPad and other technologies for teaching and learning.

The constraints of the Pandemic provided teachers professional learning opportunities with VR platforms such as CoSpaces, leveraging social media to showcase student learning, and editing with iMovie to craft visual stories of all genres.



LEARNING IN ACTION



- [Studio Three: Learning in the Garden](#)
- [Studio Two: Puppet Documentaries](#)
- [Studio Five: Dare to Care Virtual Event](#)
- [Studio One: Leader Stories](#)
- [Studio K: Gingerbread Man Retelling](#)



SUCCESS



Committed to innovation, we consistently research equitable forms to evaluate student performance and growth. Utilizing *Apple's Research for Educators*, we examined intentional instruction of creativity as a pathway to student success.

As a result, learning design continues to focus on students as content creators:

- Composing original music on GarageBand
- Crafting visual stories with green screen technology
- Producing digital products and events with the Apple ecosystem

Accessing real-time data is key to ensuring academic success for all students. Each year, we administer assessments evaluating where our learners are and where they need to go. With our 1:1 iPad devices, we personalize instruction for maximum growth. Through research and our multi-pronged approach to learning design, we continually reflect upon where we have been and the steps to journey forward.



SUCCESS IN ACTION



- [Creativity Research Reflections](#)
- [Coding Research Story](#)
- [The Year of the Green Screen](#)



WHAT'S NEXT

As our journey unfolds, our culture is enveloped with continuous learning and experimentation, embracing uncertainty, pausing to reflect and revise, and engaging with the innovation cycle. We continue to train students to be navigators of evolving technology, creators of relevant content, and risk-takers of new endeavors. We continue to grow and develop our skills in designing learning experiences to build the entrepreneurial mindset, leveraging iPad for creativity, connection, and project management. Additionally, research will continue to be an essential element to our story, our growth, and our future.