GUÍA DE INVESTIGACIÓN
Introduction

Leader in Me is a K–12 whole-school improvement model and process being implemented by thousands of schools in over 50 countries worldwide. A significant portion of the growth Leader in Me has seen can be attributed to schools sharing their inspirational stories of success, prompting new schools to join our community to create stories of their own. These stories of success were the start of our research journey and remain at the heart of many research studies found in this guide.

The purpose of this guide is to share highlights from the evidence currently available to showcase the variety of impacts and innovative research approaches. A complete reference section can be found at the back of the guide. Visit our research website for links to full articles: theLeaderinMe.org/what-is-the-impact
Is Leader in Me Evidence-Based?

Yes! Objective evidence of Leader in Me impacts has been steadily growing since 2010. To date, over 30 independent academic-research studies have evaluated Leader in Me effectiveness. A full range of experimental methods have been used—from quantitative analysis of statewide data, to qualitative studies that analyzed interview data from dozens of educators, families, and students. In addition, nearly all of the studies were reviewed by a peer or academic advisory group before release, and all studies were conducted independent of FranklinCovey.

The academic studies were conducted by the following colleges and universities (number of studies):

- Arizona State University (1)
- California State University (1)
- Capella University (2)
- College of St. Rose (1)
- Dordt College (1)
- Eötvös Loránd University (1)
- Gardner-Webb University (1)
- Johns Hopkins University (2)
- Lamar University (1)
- Missouri Baptist University (1)
- NW Missouri State University (1)
- St. John’s University (1)
- Texas A&M (1)
- University of Alberta (2)
- University of Louisiana Lafayette (2)
- University of Michigan (2)
- University of Missouri (1)
- University of North Florida (2)
- University of Northern Iowa (2)
- University of Pécs (1)
- University of S. Mississippi (1)
- Virginia Commonwealth University (1)
- Walden University (1)
- Wingate University (1)

In addition to these academic research studies, FranklinCovey Education invests in quality research groups to provide data-informed decision making to boost the continual improvement of our training, implementation, and ongoing support to our community of schools.

Together, these complementary approaches created a broad range of research outcomes that show consistently positive results for Leader in Me.

“A widely used adjective in education, EVIDENCE-BASED refers to any concept or strategy that is derived from or informed by objective evidence—most commonly, educational research or metrics of school, teacher, and student performance.”

(THE GLOSSARY OF EDUCATION REFORM)
What Are the Impacts of Leader in Me?

Leader in Me is a whole-school improvement model designed to create change across a wide variety of areas. Consequently, research regarding the Leader in Me reveals a wide variety of impact. In this guide, we have organized highlights from these diverse findings using categories of expected Leader in Me outcomes within Leadership, Culture, and Academics.

Research outcomes related to Leader in Me are broadly organized in three categories: Leadership, Culture, and Academics. The table below identifies the most common outcomes within each category and provides a statement of impact for each outcome. This research guide follows this same organization by category and outcomes to present research highlights.

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Comportamiento

Leader in Me impacta positivamente en el comportamiento de los estudiantes.

LA DISCIPLINA DE LOS ESTUDIANTES Y SU CONEXIÓN CON EL LIDERAZGO

El liderazgo es una elección y para nuestros estudiantes Leader in Me estas elecciones personales se demuestran claramente a través de la autodisciplina. Las interacciones negativas con los compañeros, los arrebatos en clase y las faltas de respeto a los profesores que conllevan expedientes disciplinarios o expulsiones pueden interpretarse como una falta de autodisciplina. A medida que un estudiante asume mayor responsabilidad en el liderazgo personal e interpersonal, aumenta su capacidad para usar la autodisciplina, lo que da como resultado la disminución de los problemas de disciplina.

Los profesores “han indicado que con la utilización de la iniciativa Leader in Me tienen MÁS TIEMPO PARA PLANIFICAR Y CREAR EXPERIENCIAS DE APRENDIZAJE para sus alumnos en vez de tener que GESTIONAR PROBLEMAS DISCIPLINARIOS”.

DR. B. BRYANT (2016), CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 77

INCIDENCIAS DE COMPORTAMIENTO EN ESTUDIANTES DE SECUNDARIA OBLIGATORIA

DE DESCENSO GLOBAL DE INCIDENCIAS DE COMPORTAMIENTO EN CENTROS DE EDUCACIÓN SECUNDARIA OBLIGATORIA cuando los alumnos que allí cursaban sus estudios habían experimentado LiM en la escuela primaria.

DR. C. ISHOLA (2016), BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
Leader in Me va ligado a un DESCENSO SIGNIFICATIVO del número total de expedientes disciplinarios.

DR. S. CARACELO (2012), WALDEN UNIVERSITY

"Los directores de los tres centros notificaron incidencias en las que se les llamaba para resolver disputas entre alumnos y, cuando llegaban al lugar de los hechos, LOS ESTUDIANTES ESTABAN RESOLVIENDO EL PROBLEMA y SOLUCIONANDO EL CONFLICTO usando EL LENGUAJE DE LOS HÁBITOS".

DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY, p. 47

23% DE DESCENSO GLOBAL DE PROBLEMAS DISCIPLINARIOS en los cinco años posteriores a la implementación de Leader in Me.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015), UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

"El énfasis en hacer mejores elecciones puede haber causado la reducción del acoso escolar".

DR. S. EVANS (2014), VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, p. 106

42% MENOS INCIDENTES DISCIPLINARIOS DE LO ESPERADO detectados en una muestra estatal de escuelas Leader in Me basándose en su trayectoria anterior a la implantación de Leader in Me.

DR. M. WHITE (2018), UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

EXPULSIONES INTERNAS Y EXTERNAS EN LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA

DE DESCENSO GLOBAL DE INCIDENCIAS DE COMPORTAMIENTO EN CENTROS DE EDUCACIÓN PRIMARIA el primer año de la implantación del programa LiM, disminución que continuó durante los dos años siguientes al estudio.

DR. C. ISHOLA (2016) BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY

31%
Preparación para la enseñanza socioemocional del personal

Leader in Me desarrolla la capacidad personal y profesional de los docentes y demás trabajadores del centro, lo que les permite enseñar y ser ejemplo de las destrezas de liderazgo socioemocional con confianza.

Tras la formación en Leader in Me, "los docentes y el personal parecen sentirse más responsables de sí mismos y del resultado de su desempeño en el centro educativo.

DR. E. SWANTNER (2016), LAMAR UNIVERSITY, p. 44

“Los profesores no están obligados a ceñirse a una programación didáctica, sino que tienen autonomía para integrar LiM en las actividades habituales de enseñanza y gestión en el aula. La mayoría de ellos, por no decir todos, lo hacen debatiendo, dando ejemplo y reforzando los 7 Hábitos y los conceptos de liderazgo en el contexto de las lecciones, historias, juegos de los estudiantes y actividades académicas, así como dando respuesta a los problemas de disciplina”.

DR. S. ROSS (2012) JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, p. 62

84% de los profesores han adquirido nuevas destrezas y conocimiento para ser mejores líderes.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015), UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE, p. 105

Existe una correlación significativa entre las creencias de los profesores sobre la visión escolar del liderazgo y los 7 Hábitos que indica que “[los profesores] no solo creen que sus alumnos son líderes, sino que los imaginan viviendo los 7 Hábitos, como lo harían los líderes”.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015), UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE, p. 105
MI DESARROLLO PROFESIONAL ME ESTÁ CAPACITANDO ADECUADAMENTE PARA FORMENTAR EL LIDERAZGO DE LOS ESTUDIANTES.

Tras la implementación de Leader in Me, los profesores han coincidido en señalar “un GRAN SENTIDO DE LA RESPONSABILIDAD PERSONAL entre los docentes y los miembros del personal del centro educativo”.

DR. B. BRYANT (2016), CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 66

“Los profesores que han tomado parte en este estudio han señalado que existe UN MAYOR SENTIDO DE COHESIÓN TANTO EN EL ENTORNO DEL CENTRO ESCOLAR COMO EN EL AULA” tras la implantación de LiM.

DR. B. BRYANT (2016), CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 65

“La participación de los docentes y los demás trabajadores en el desarrollo profesional ha creado SENTIDO DE UNIDAD Y COLABORACIÓN entre todo el personal.”

DR. S. ROSS (2012) JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, p. 62

“Los ejemplos personales utilizados por los profesores han actuado como plataforma de debate, en combinación con el modelado, ya que los profesores moderan su PROPIO COMPORTAMIENTO PARA QUE SIRVA COMO BUEN EJEMPLO”.

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ROI INSTITUTE (2014)
Liderazgo del estudiante

Los estudiantes de los centros educativosLeader in Me desarrollan actitudes, comportamientos y habilidades para ser líderes efectivos de por vida.

“Ha habido una clara progresión en los centros educativos LiM basada en su nivel de implementación, con colegios más avanzados que identifican LA AUTORREGULACIÓN Y LA COOPERACIÓN DE LOS ESTUDIANTES COMO PARTES INTEGRALES de LiM que mejoran la participación y el rendimiento académico de los alumnos”.

DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

28%

DE MEJORA EN EL BIENESTAR MENTAL DE LOS ADOLESCENTES tras completar un programa de los 7 Hábitos según la Escala de Bienestar Mental de Warwick-Edimburgo (WEMWBS), una medida validada de bienestar mental en la adolescencia.


Los investigadores han encontrado una relación significativa entre el uso de las prácticas de liderazgo de los 7 Hábitos por parte de los estudiantes y su ELECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS SANOS así como su NIVEL DE EJERCICIO FÍSICO.

DR. FERLAND, DR. CHU, DR. GLEDDIE, DR. STOREY, DR. VEUGELERS (2014) UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

“Leader in Me ha tenido un IMPACTO POSITIVO EN LAS RELACIONES ENTRE COMPAÑEROS”.

DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY, p. 42

Profesores de todos los centros educativos coinciden en que los estudiantes LiM han demostrado ALTOS NIVELES DE RESPONSABILIDAD Y COLABORACIÓN.

DR. S. CARACELO (2012), WALDEN UNIVERSITY

“Todos los participantes en el estudio han indicado que han visto un INCREMENTO EN LA TOMA DE RESPONSABILIDAD DE SUS ACCIONES POR PARTE DE LOS ESTUDIANTES en el colegio”.

DR. B. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 66
4TH GRADERS’ AGREEMENT THAT “STUDENTS IN MY SCHOOL HELP EACH OTHER EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT FRIENDS.”

Researchers recommended the LiM program as a way to “help educators in better preparing students to be responsible individuals who use their LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR OWN LEARNING AND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CULTURES.”

“In the classroom, students have LANGUAGE TO MATCH BEHAVIOR and therefore tend to be more eager to SYNERGIZE and WORK TOGETHER.”

“Teachers and principals identified that LiM’s most significant engagement and academic impact was the way in which the program IMPROVED STUDENTS’ ABILITY TO SET ACADEMIC GOALS, PLAN, AND SELF-REGULATE THEIR LEARNING.”

Collaboration was “IDENTIFIED AS AN OBSERVABLE LEADERSHIP TRAIT AS A RESULT OF THE LiM PROGRAM” and “further explains” the changes in students’ behaviors.
Family Involvement

*Leader in Me provides our students’ families with the information, training, and school resources which empower them to be supportive partners in the development of their child’s social-emotional learning.*

90% of students acquired new knowledge and skills to be **LEADERS AT SCHOOL AND HOME.**

*ROI INSTITUTE (2014)*

“Training parents in the usage of the 7 Habits ensures that LANGUAGE and EXPECTATIONS that are associated with the *Leader in Me* are also used and REINFORCED in other environments outside of the school setting.”

*DR. N. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 96*

“By utilizing a ‘WHOLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE’ such as the *Leader in Me*, the administrators were also able to include parents and community members in the initiative.”

*DR. N. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 86*

“At least 83% of parents indicated YES, they are SATISFIED with home-school communications, parent-school relations, and school quality.”

*ROI INSTITUTE (2014), p. 6*

92% of parents say *LiM* has had a **POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR CHILD.**

*WESTGATE RESEARCH (2014)*
30.71%

**IMPROVEMENT IN PARENT’S MENTAL WELLBEING** after completing the 7 Habits program, taking them from significantly below average to average wellbeing.


“On completion of the [7 Habits] ‘Families’ program, 97.44 % agreed (56.41% strongly agreed and 41.03% agreed) that they held a CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT THEY WANTED THEIR FAMILY TO BE LIKE.”


“Utilizing a COMMON LANGUAGE within the school ensures the community leaders and parents have the necessary TOOLS to assist students in bridging the gap between home and school.”

DR. N. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 98
Attendance

*Leader in Me schools create school cultures where students and staff feel safe and engaged.*

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**THE ATTENDANCE & CULTURE CONNECTION:**

Positive school culture is an essential requirement for higher attendance. Research has found that when students and staff feel valued and recognized for their unique gifts and talents, they experience an increased desire to engage with the people and activities in the school. This student and staff engagement helps students and staff see that it matters to others if they are at school, and that people are counting on them to show up. As a result, attendance rates naturally increase.

“Follow-up 9th grade data shows that students who attended a **NON-LiM MIDDLE SCHOOL** were about **TWICE AS LIKELY** to be **CHRONICALLY TARDY** compared to students who attended a **LiM middle school for 3 years.**”

DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

| PERCENTAGE OF TARDIES FOR 9TH GRADERS FROM LiM AND NON-LiM MIDDLE SCHOOLS BY SES STATUS |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                 | High SES    |             |             |             |             |
| non-LiM                         | 37% (179)   | 21% (102)   | 21% (101)   | 12% (60)    | 17% (82)    |
| LiM                             | 42% (221)   | 32% (158)   | 10% (49)    | 9% (40)     | 7% (30)     |
| Low SES                         |             |             |             |             |             |
| non-LiM                         | 15% (103)   | 22% (123)   | 22% (114)   | 9% (41)     | 32% (148)   |
| LiM                             | 22% (119)   | 29% (154)   | 18% (82)    | 12% (50)    | 19% (87)    |

- **NONE** - 1-3 TARDIES - 4-8 TARDIES - 9-15 TARDIES - 16+ TARDIES

“**Leader in Me schools showed an AVERAGE OF 27% (YEAR 1) and 35% (YEAR 2) fewer students with excessive absences in comparison to the school districts in the study.**”

DR. PASCALE, DR. OHLSON, DR. LEE (2016) UNIVERSITY OF N. FLORIDA, p. 16
A statewide analysis of Missouri elementary schools revealed a significant DECREASE IN ATTENDANCE for schools who left the LiM process compared with LiM schools still in the process. \((p<0.001)\)

“Administrators report that student absenteeism has decreased. Students understand that others are depending on them to be at school to take care of certain tasks and THEY DO NOT WANT TO LET OTHERS DOWN. They take their responsibility very seriously.”

DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY, p. 52

A statewide analysis of Missouri elementary schools revealed a significant INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE in LiM 3.0 Schools compared with similar non-LiM schools \((p=0.007)\)

45\% fewer students with EXCESSIVE ABSENCES in year 2 LiM Schools, compared to state average.

DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
Supportive School Environment

The environment of Leader in Me schools engages student learning and positively supports the development of student social-emotional leadership skills.

89.84%

of LiM staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “ALL FACULTY/STAFF WORK TOWARD A COMMON VISION OF ALL STUDENTS AS LEADERS.”

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

91%

of staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “ALL STUDENTS AT THIS SCHOOL ARE LEADERS.”

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Teacher Differences in Perception of Student Leadership Opportunities

38%

GREATER AGREEMENT LiM school offered leadership opportunities to all students

DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

Teacher interviews and student essays revealed “an emphasis on creating a POSITIVE, INCLUSIVE, and EGALITARIAN CLASSROOM CLIMATE by helping others”

BALDWIN, M.A., DR. LODICO, DR. VOEGTLE, BRUCE, DR. MARTONE (2012) THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE, p. 8
4TH GRADERS’ ESTIMATES OF THE FREQUENCY THAT THEY “FEEL SAFE AT SCHOOL.”

95% of surveyed staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that students can SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAIN CLASSROOM LEadership Roles, and 90% of surveyed staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that students can SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT SCHOOLWIDE LEADERSHIP ROLES as well.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

4TH GRADERS’ ESTIMATES OF THE FREQUENCY THAT “STUDENTS GET TO HELP MAKE DECISIONS AT MY SCHOOL.”

“[C]reating a WHOLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE within the school and community was pertinent to recognizing the STRENGTHS OF THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL” and “…fosters respect for all individuals and unifies all individuals.”

DR. N. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY, p. 88

Level of Leader in Me Implementation
DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

“Teachers reported that they changed their CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PRACTICES from negative to positive approaches”

BALDWIN, M.A., DR. LODICO, DR. VOEGTLE, BRUCE, DR. MARTONE (2012) THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE, p. 8
Student Engagement

*Leader in Me* schools help students feel emotionally safe, socially supported, and academically engaged.

43%

less likely for a Lighthouse *LiM* student to say **THEY DON’T LIKE SCHOOL** compared with a non-*LiM* student.

**DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY, p. 53**

“At least 85% of the students indicated agreement that their teacher cared about them, they **LIKED GOING TO THE SCHOOL**, and they are learning a lot.”

**ROI INSTITUTE (2014) p. 6**

“Students felt that *LiM* had helped them be better students by helping them **BEHAVE BETTER** and providing them with opportunities to take **OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING.**”

**DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

“[S]tudents in leadership roles have such a **SENSE OF PRIDE** about their school and the responsibility that they have undertaken, they simply want to **DO THE RIGHT THING** when it comes to behavior.”

**DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY, p. 53**

“Teachers and students reported that after implementing *Leader in Me* the “classroom became a **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** where all students felt comfortable pursuing goals.”

**Baldwin, M.A., Dr. Lodico, Dr. Voegtle, Bruce, Dr. Martone (2012) The College of Saint Rose, p. 8**
Staff Satisfaction

Leader in Me schools work to empower teachers with meaningful leadership opportunities and engaged in guiding the social, emotional, and academic development of their students.

94.53% of staff indicated either agreement (52.34%) or strong agreement (42.19%) with the statement indicating that STAFF CREATED THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN at that school.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

86.72% of staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “the faculty/staff have input regarding the CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION (of LiM)”

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

91.2% of the teachers reported the school was a GOOD PLACE TO WORK AND LEARN (4.2% increase in the two years since beginning Leader in Me implementation)

DR. ROBYN STELLA (2013) GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

95.31% of staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “the LiM Lighthouse Team SETS THE ACTION ITEMS” of the school.

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
Academics

*Leader in Me* schools help students and staff build the skills and competencies necessary for student achievement.

**THE ACADEMIC & LEADER IN ME CONNECTION:**
As any educator who has tried to teach math or English to a rowdy class of students can attest, academic achievement requires social and emotional skill development, as much as much as it requires cognitive development. The *Leader in Me* process builds the personal and professional capacity of our educators, equipping them with the know-how to simultaneously guide a student’s development in all three skill domains. As students apply this expanded set of skills toward academic achievement they improve their ability to succeed.

### GPA for High SES Students in 9th Grade

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* 73% overall **INCREASE IN 2ND GRADE**
* 130% overall **INCREASE IN 3RD GRADE**

**[F]EWER** 9th graders who attended a LiM middle school have **FAILING GRADES** at the end of their first semester compared to students who had attended a non-LiM middle school.”

*DR. DETHLEFS, DR. GREEN, DR. MOLAPO, DR. OPSA, & YANG, M.A. (2017) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA*
“Across most grades in both mathematics and R/ELA, [the schools in the study] OUTPERFORMED THE STATE in the years since the baseline year.”

DR. CORCORAN, REILY, & DR. ROSS (2014) JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, p. 37

63% of students proficient in the 7 HABITS scored at or above ELA Benchmark Grade-Level compared to only 22% of students who were not.


63%

% of Students that Performed At or Above the ELA Benchmark by Level of 7 Habits Proficiency

63%

22%

Proficient in 7 Habits Below Proficient in 7 Habits

6.7%

average increase in 4th grade ELA state test results compared with their pre-Leader in Me performance.

DR. DICK, DR. BURSTEIN, BERGERON (2017) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

“In science and math, LiM schools had a 5% HIGHER RATE of students at level 3 or higher than the district non-LiM schools.”

“A 4% more students at LiM schools MET THE WRITING STANDARD than those at non-LiM schools”

“In reading, the LiM SCHOOLS HAD A 9% HIGHER RATE than the non-LiM schools of students at level 3 or higher, a 6% increase over non-LiM schools in reading gains, and a 3% higher rate of learning gains for those in the bottom 25%.”

DR. PASCALE, DR. OHLSON, DR. LEE (2016) UNIVERSITY OF N. FLORIDA, p. 15

LiM Lighthouse School ELA ACHIEVEMENT SCORES were SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER than non-Lighthouse LiM and non-LiM schools (p=.006).

DR. WILKENS & DR. WILMORE (2015) TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

“Students at LiM schools who were in the BOTTOM 25% MADE GAINS 3% HIGHER than those in the bottom 25% at non-LiM schools.”

DR. PASCALE, DR. OHLSON, DR. LEE (2016) UNIVERSITY OF N. FLORIDA, p. 14
Teaching Efficacy

Leader in Me prepares and supports teachers to create goal-centered, student-led classrooms that empower students to lead their own learning.

90.62% of faculty/staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “ALL FACULTY/STAFF SHARE LiM CLASS IMPLEMENTATION IDEAS WITH ONE ANOTHER.”

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

85.94% of faculty/staff either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with the statement “ALL FACULTY/STAFF WORK TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER AT THIS SCHOOL.”

DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOAL SETTING was identified as one of the reasons behind increased student motivation and positive peer relationships related to LiM.

DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY

“By understanding that the school-wide goals for increasing achievement have to do with how each individual student makes progress toward their own learning, participants report that STUDENTS THEREBY OWN THEIR LEARNING.”

DR. ROBYN STELLA (2013) GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

Teachers “believed that their ROLE was more of a FACILITATOR OF LEARNING and that it was the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENTS TO BE ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS.” Teacher support provided “an atmosphere that reinforced this type of leadership and student engagement”

DR. T. PLATT (2014) UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, P. 180
“Rather than being prescribed a lesson plan, teachers have AUTONOMY TO INTEGRATE LiM with regular classroom instruction and management.”

DR. S. ROSS (2012) JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, p. 62

ALIGNMENT BETWEEN the best practices for science classrooms within the next generation science standards AND THE Leader in Me process.

DR. PASCALE, DR. OHLSON, DR. LEE (2016) UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

In a statewide assessment, teacher’s report of “MANAGING STUDENT CONDUCT” IMPROVED markedly two years after LiM implementation.

DR. ROBYN STELLA (2013) GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

“Managing Student Conduct” showed the greatest increase post-implementation of LiM on the the North Carolina Teacher Working Conditions Survey. RATINGS GREW IN ALL 7 AREAS, with an average of 14.8% increase in the 6 areas with room to grow.

DR. ROBYN STELLA (2013) GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY
Student-Led Achievement

Leader in Me empowers our students with the mindsets, skills, and supportive environment they need to lead their academic achievement.

95.32%
of faculty/staff either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" with the statement "all students at this school MAINTAIN AND REGULARLY UPDATE A LEADERSHIP NOTEBOOK."

89.07%
of faculty/staff either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" with the statement "all STUDENTS at this school will LEAD A PARENT CONFERENCE this school year."

94.23%
of faculty/staff either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" with the statement "all students at this school this school regularly SET ACADEMIC GOALS in at least one area."

"The teachers all indicated that the DATA NOTEBOOK was a tool that EMPOWERS STUDENTS or establishes ownership over their learning. They also believe that it was beneficial in providing a solid understanding for their students about HOW TO MONITOR THEIR LEARNING GOALS, their status in mastering those learning goals, and ways to meet those goals."

"LiM helps to build a POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE" with "increases in prosocial behavior, communication, and SOCIAL PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, as well as SELF-REGULATION and EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS"

DR. K. CUMMINS (2015) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

DR. CORCORAN, REILY, & DR. ROSS (2014) JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, p. 39

DR. TRACY PLATT (2014) UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY, p. 182
Analysis revealed the most noticeable change in the behavior of students where LiM has been implemented was in the level of responsibility they took for their own learning, including increases in **COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME, STAYING FOCUSED, WORKING WELL IN GROUPS, COMING PREPARED TO CLASS,** and **ATTENTIVE LISTENING.**

**DR. S. CARACELLO (2012) WALDEN UNIVERSITY**

The research analysis revealed, “the use and knowledge of **7 HABITS LANGUAGE,** pervasively across campus and all stakeholder groups, has made a **HUGE IMPACT** on students’ motivation and ability to take charge of their own learning and behavior.”

“[S]tudents who live [the first 3] habits, epitomize the statement, ‘I AM IN CHARGE OF ME.’ Administrators, classroom teachers, and support personnel all report that this belief by students seems to be at the **HEART OF WHAT HAS INCREASED STUDENT MOTIVATION.**”

**DR. C. TIDD (2016) WALDEN UNIVERSITY,** p. 46 AND p. 53

"[O]ne of the major differences between Leader in Me and other schoolwide positive behavioral interventions and support programs is that **STUDENTS ARE NOT GIVEN TANGIBLE TOKENS OR REWARDS** for the expected behavior. ...Schools that utilize Leader in Me teach expectations and then aim to have students display the behavior not for rewards, but because it is expected.”

**DR. B. BRYANT (2016) CAPELLA UNIVERSITY,** p. 79

**4TH GRADERS’ ESTIMATES OF THE FREQUENCY THAT “WHEN I HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, I CREATE A PLAN TO GET THINGS DONE.”**

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