



Within the education industry, it is common for schools to receive recognition for outstanding achievement. Parents it is with a great honor that I announce that Hyde has been recognized as a Leader In Me Lighthouse School. The Lighthouse Certification is a highly regarded standard set by Franklin Covey.

The certification is evidence that schools have produced outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing the process with fidelity and excellence. It is also because of the extraordinary impact that the schools may be having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community.

Today, there are 5000 schools around the world, and we are the third school in Kansas that 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 Beagle Binders 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.

Students and staff will be celebrating our achievement on May 25th by enjoying a picnic lunch and Kona Ice on the playground.

On August 5th we are planning a big family celebration with you all. Details will be shared soon.

Parents it's been an honor to lead the students and staff in earning this prestigious title! We have worked very hard for this, and we will continue to strive to be the best school in Wichita.

Respectfully,
Ms. Cole