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MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY RECEIVES \$45,000 [LEADER.ORG](http://Leader.org) GRANT

McKinley Elementary School is the only Fresno County school and one of 652 schools nationwide to receive a \$45,000 grant from Leader.org, I Am a Leader Foundation.

Leader.org is a private grant-making charity dedicated to providing programs and services that develop students' leadership skills and character in K-12 schools nationwide. The grant will enable McKinley Elementary to implement *The Leader in Me*, a whole-school transformation process based on Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The process teaches 21st century leadership skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

"We are excited to be the first public school in the Fresno/Clovis area to implement *The Leader in Me*. Our education team is committed to teach and inspire every child in our school to become a leader. We are looking forward to seeing the same kinds of positive changes that we have seen produced at other schools who have implemented this process," stated Principal Colette Bolger.

"Through this grant, we are pleased to recognize McKinley's preparation and commitment to developing generations of great leaders," said Boyd Craig, CEO of Leader.org.

The Leader in Me will be implemented over the next five years, shaping the school culture and climate and teaching students the skills needed for college and career preparation.

McKinley Elementary is located at 4444 West McKinley, Fresno, CA 93722.

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