

AUSTIN
MICRO
SCHOOL

Empowering Young Leaders



What does that mean?

Why is that important?

How do you know?

Developing Young Leaders for the 21st Century

The Austin Micro School Young Leader Philosophy

At Austin Micro School, we believe leadership is not about titles—it's about thinking critically, communicating effectively, acting with integrity, and making an impact. Our approach equips students with the mindset and skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

The Four Pillars of a Young Leader

- ✓ **Insights** – Critical thinking, problem-solving, and curiosity-driven learning
- ✓ **Influence** – Communication, collaboration, and the ability to inspire and lead others
- ✓ **Integrity** – Resilience, ethical decision-making, and personal responsibility
- ✓ **Impact** – Applying knowledge to create meaningful change in the community and beyond

Skills for the 21st Century

The Austin Micro School Young Leader Philosophy

Building on our Young Leader Philosophy, students at Austin Micro School develop the essential skills needed to thrive in an evolving world:

- ♦ **Adaptability & Innovation** – Navigating change with creativity, problem-solving skills, and resilience.
- ♦ **Collaboration & Leadership** – Effectively working in teams, leading with empathy, and inspiring action.
- ♦ **Ethical & Global Awareness** – Understanding complex issues and making informed, responsible decisions.
- ♦ **Entrepreneurial Mindset** – Identifying challenges, thinking critically, and creating practical solutions.



Our students don't just adapt to the future—they shape it.

Leading with identity



Mission

Identity*

**We start here*

Values

Skills

Behaviors

Measuring Young Leaders

How to move beyond standardized tests

At Austin Micro School, we assess Young Leaders through real-world performance, growth, and impact.

How we measure Young Leaders

✓ **Labs & Hands-On Learning** – Applying knowledge through experiments, problem-solving, and real-world challenges.

✓ **Exhibitions & Demonstrations** – Public presentations, debates, and showcases where students communicate and defend their ideas.

✓ **Service Projects & Community Engagement** – Leadership in action through problem-solving and meaningful contributions to society.

✓ **Mentorship & Expert Feedback** – Learning from professionals and receiving real-world

insights to refine skills.
Students demonstrate their learning through action, reflection, and iteration.

Finding Partners That Can Support You

