

Two and a Half Years of Change

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Looking back on my goal statement from spring 2011, I am proud to say that I have seen a significant amount of growth. At that time, my main goals were:

1. Increase and improve use of technology in my classroom
2. Become a technology leader in my school
3. Increase technology collaboration by learning from and sharing ideas with other teachers

In the area of increasing and improving the use of technology in my classroom, I have taken great strides. In the last two and a half years I have transitioned from using a document camera and a projector to students using laptops daily (and now iPads). I have designed assignments that utilize this technology all while keeping pedagogy in mind. I admit that I am not perfect and there have been times where I have used technology just for the sake of technology, but I truly believe that it is valuable for student engagement. I have seen definite growth in this area in the last couple years.

I have also seen many opportunities for being a technology leader in I have also seen many opportunities for being a technology leader in my school. I switched school districts last year and one of the reasons why I was hired was because of my degree in Educational Technology. Because of this, I was also given two computer classes to teach and was able to make decisions about the computer curriculum for the following year. I was also given the opportunity to develop a new computer class. Lastly, teachers often ask me question about technology in their classrooms. If I don't know the answer right away, I research the problem and get back to them with my findings.

I have also grown in the area of collaboration. I use Twitter to connect with other educators and attend technology conferences to learn and share my knowledge. I also share my ideas with the teachers at my school. In addition, I read blogs and research the internet to gather ideas for my classroom. Because of the program, I am now more motivated to use these resources.

Overall, I am thankful for the last two and a half years in the MAET program. It has been a time of tremendous growth for me and I am looking forward to where my journey will take me in the future.