

## Future Goals

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Throughout the years of completing my Masters of Art and Educational Technology (MAET), I've had several opportunities to grow as an individual as well as an educator. This program has helped me to set myself up for success in the future through teaching me valuable lessons and tools that I can implement into my everyday life as well as in my classroom. I have set three main goals for myself that I strive to accomplish and look forward to challenging myself to reach in the near future.

As technology becomes more prevalent and used daily within our lives, my goal is to integrate technology into my classroom and provide my students with the new tools to support their learnings. The MAET program has opened my eyes to an abundance of online learning tools and resources. This leads me into my next goal, which is to be a grade level representative. Having this role can help me support my colleagues with the technology tools that I have obtained as well as to help us grow and work together as a team. My last goal is continuing my own education and completing my masters plus degree. As a lifelong learner it can be important to challenge myself and continue to learn and grow in my career.

The MAET program has provided me with an immense amount of experience with technology and being able to relate this technology to support students within my classroom. Integrating technology within my classroom for my young learners can provide them useful experiences for the present and their future. As I completed CEP 812 course, Applying Educational Technology to Issues of Practice, the experience of this semester as I created a blog encouraged me to apply educational technology to my teaching practices. I have been able to dive into technology platforms such as Jamboard, created my own YouTube videos via iMovie,

Google forms, Google slides presentations and a variety of online games to support students at different levels. Having this background can help me begin integrating technology into my classroom as well as having the confidence to try out new resources and tools as I experienced during my masters courses. I look forward to implementing technology in my classroom and seeing the positivity it can provide my students now and in the future.

With the experience of my MAET courses as well as three years of teaching experience including my internship year, I feel that I have the ability to be a grade level representative for my second grade team. As a grade level representative, I will hold weekly team meetings and support my colleagues as well as help communicate building concerns with the principal. From my MAET program experiences I feel more confident about my own teaching styles and tools that I can incorporate into the classroom, therefore I can share this knowledge with my colleagues to help support them and the students in their rooms. From the course CEP 810, Teaching for Understanding with Technology, and my blog that I created, I have resources about 21st century learning skills to apply to this job.

I have learned through my CEP 800 course, Learning in Schools Other Settings, that we are all life long learners. As a younger educator who has recently completed my masters degree, I look forward to continuing to learn, challenge myself and complete my masters plus degree. Completing another fifteen credits on top of my masters can provide me the recognition of being a masters plus educator. With this next step in degree I can move up on the educational scale as well as have more knowledge and experience to apply in my classroom. Having the mind set that I will always continue to learn and expand my knowledge whether in classroom curriculum, technology or professional development.

I look forward to the future and innovating technology into my classroom, serving at my grade level representative as well as completing my masters plus requirements. These three goals will help me to learn and grow as a professional as I continue my educational career as well as provide me with more knowledge and opportunities to support my students. I look forward to being a lifelong learner!