

Future Goals as a Lifelong Learner

I have always been someone who reflects on experiences and teaching on a daily basis. I find that reflection and lifelong learning is a vital part of my growth in becoming the best educator, mentor, and professional I can be. Looking ahead, I have three future goals that I would like to accomplish in the educational technology field. My first goal is to be a vital part of the technology committee at my current school district. I knew I wanted to be more of a technological resource within my school district so this goal was on my mind even before starting the [MSU Master of Arts in Educational Technology \(MAET\)](#) degree program three years ago. My second lifelong learning goal is to continue to deepen my awareness and understanding of technology tools to better use them in my instruction. I am continuously looking for sources of inspiration for new technology advancements in education to implement and enhance my lessons so this was a goal I definitely wanted to work towards in my future. My final goal is to become more savvy using an application called [Screencastify](#). Screencastify is a new technology that I have learned about over the last year and have found it to be very valuable for not only in-person instruction but remote learning as well. I want to learn more about the application and use it effectively in the classroom. These are all goals that I can accomplish with the tools my school district will provide throughout the school year. In addition, I felt that these were obtainable goals, but also ones that would take my educational technology background to the next level.

My first goal as a lifelong learner is to be a vital part of the technology committee at my current school district. To be successful in this goal area I will need to reach out to my administration and voice my interest in being a leader in the field of educational technology

within my elementary school. After joining the technology committee, it will be my job to be an active participant. To be a vital teammate of this committee I will need to search for educational tools that can be brought to the committee for review and then to school-wide professional development. Sites like [Ozobot](#) can be used to research educational tools that teachers can use in their classroom. I thought this site was beneficial because it showcases technology tools that would benefit teachers in the classroom and also in remote learning situations. It is reviewed by teachers who are experts in their own classrooms and can give personal experiences of the tools effectiveness.

My second goal would be to deepen my awareness and understanding of technology tools to better use them in my instruction. To meet this goal I will need to seek out professional development opportunities to continue to grow my knowledge in the educational technology field. I will need to reach out to my district director of school improvement for professional development opportunities that will not only benefit myself, but the school district's learning plans. I will take the time to research professional development opportunities such as educational trainings and webinars on the [Saginaw ISD](#) website, which is the independent school district organization representative for my school district. This website provides up-to-date trainings and education for educators, like myself, looking to grow and continue their lifelong learning goals. My school district has used this organization in the past so I know this would be a credible source to look for lifelong learning opportunities.

My third and final lifelong learning goal is to become savvy using the application [Screencastify](#). This application allows teachers to record their screens, face and voice to teach valuable lessons based on curriculum and common core state standards. To meet this goal I will participate in webinars focused on using the Screencastify application as a tool to provide real-time instruction as well as a place for students to review lessons from the past. I will

participate in the [Screencastify certification courses](#) that will help me become a master using the application. I chose this certification course because it is provided by the makers of Screencastify so they would be the best instructors in this area of educational technology.

These are goals that are ambitious and motivating for me. Learning from other colleagues' experiences as well as district approved trainings and webinars will grow my knowledge of the ever-growing educational technology field. Using new technologies will only enhance my lessons and provide more avenues for students to access curriculum and learning. I know that mastering these goals will not only help me grow as an educator, but it will also benefit my school district, colleagues, and students as well.

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