

Setting Goals

When outlining my short and long-term goals, I prefer the approach of having a balance between missional and instrumental thinking. I do believe in a vision and overarching strategy for achieving goals, however I believe there are key tools used within these strategies that help propel you forward.

Short-term Goals:

1. Increase my students' RIT score by 10 points in both reading and math on NWEA

I want to successfully close the achievement gap for my students this year. In years past, I have been able to achieve this and I continue to strive to do this every year, with each group of students. This year, based off of MOY data, 70% of my students have already made their growth target. We discussed as a class how we are not satisfied leaving 30% of our class behind. We have discussed strategies that we will conduct to achieve our goal. I have an awesome group of students this year who are motivated, bright, and eager to take their learning to the next level. The integration of technology that I have presented through my DreamIT project this year has had great impact on their learning.

2. Schedule and conduct a STEM-focused field trip for my students

As part of my DreamIT project, I am striving to make meaningful connections for my students between their every day lives and the science content presented in class. I am looking to conduct a highly integrated field trip for my students that help apply their learning in science, math and the technology they have become efficient in. This will exceed the normal field trip of visiting a local museum to see exhibits and instead allow students to make meaningful connections and apply their learning.

3. Finishing my Masters in Educational Technology

I am one semester away from completing my Masters in Educational Technology through Michigan State University. After completing this fellowship, I have one course remaining where I will piece together my learning within this master in a professional portfolio. I am very fortunate to have a good head start through this fellowship 😊

Long-term Goals:

1. Attain a leadership degree

Although I do not know what my 5-year professional plan is, I want to be able to provide myself the opportunity to equip myself with leadership skills. Therefore, I have decided to continue my education towards a leadership degree. Whether I find myself in a leadership position following the completion of this degree, or continue in my current position, this goal will allow me to broaden my skill set and strengthen myself professionally.

2. Continue to develop professional networking

I have come to find the importance in networking. I have enjoyed the opportunities to be a part of professional groups where I get to collaborate and learn from my peers. I will continue to investigate ways to stay involve, join new groups, and add to the conversation of education.

3. Strengthen STEM initiatives within my classroom

This fellowship has opened my eyes to the endless possibilities through the integration of STEM initiatives within in my classroom. In years to come, I will have my DreamIT project in the back of my mind as I continue to incorporate STEM into my students' learning and my teaching. Although I will not have the support of a graduate class with deadlines and procedures, I have become well equip to plan and execute such initiatives within my classroom for years to come.