

Limited English Proficiency								
Eligible for Free/Reduced Meals								

Part II: Reflection

CANDIDATE REFLECTIONS:

(Minimum of 3-4 sentences per question)

Briefly describe the field experience. What did you learn about technology facilitation and leadership from completing this field experience?

This technology project was an ongoing experience that required various components that a technology leader would partake in to make changes in a school or district. All the different assignments allowed for a deep connection to the state and national standards for technology integration in schools.

The initial analysis allowed me to get a grasp of the current state of my school and district. Next, writing up the shared vision based on this current state required me to think about key stakeholders, look at the research and develop a plan for technology that made sense. Then, the SWOT Analysis provided a framework to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats within this particular setting. Breaking down each Essential Condition to meet the various needs of technology integration provided a clear, well thought out plan for technology in my school. The ISTE Diagnostic tool was also very helpful in decided what to focus on for each Essential Condition. The grant proposal provides a start to the technology plan and gets the ball rolling. My school district has a process for grant proposals, which made this an easy transition from graduate schoolwork, to really taking on this technology plan with my school.

2. How did this learning relate to the knowledge (what must you know), skills (what must you be able to do) and dispositions (attitudes, beliefs, enthusiasm) required of a technology facilitator or technology leader? (Refer to the standards you selected in Part I. Use the language of the PSC standards in your answer and reflect on all 3—knowledge, skills, and dispositions.)

This project truly engulfs your mind into what it looks like to develop, initiate and integrate technology based on your school's needs. I feel that after completing these assignments, I have a enormous opportunity to really make some changes at my current level. I am more knowledgeable about how this process can unfold and where to start. These frameworks, Essential Conditions and valuable feedback from my professor will ensure successful technology leadership skills in my school district. It all comes back to provide a framework for teachers to share their ideas, allowing teachers to explore at their own pace and supporting them with strategies and modeling technology plans effectively.

3. Describe how this field experience impacted school improvement, faculty development or student learning at your school. How can the impact be assessed?

This field experience developed my skills to make a plan for my school backed by research, elaborate frameworks and familiarity of technology integration incentives. I feel more confident in my ability to initiate technology incentives with my team, school and within my district through grant proposals that make these processes even more efficient and manageable. Students will greatly benefit from these opportunities to become digital citizens through modeled technology strategies from their teachers. These plans have ripple effects that move through each stakeholder. Ultimately, the students benefit when these strategies and incentives become part of the norm for schools and districts.