

## Reflections for EDLD 5306 Course-Embedded Assignments

Change your thoughts and you change your world (Peale). This quote constantly came to mind during the first week of my first course in the Master of Education of Educational Technology Leadership program. Beginning with the assessment it was very evident I would need to change my thoughts and change my world. As I moved through the first week's assignment I also discovered I had a lot of ground to cover in a very short period of time. I have served a number of years in the administrative area of education but I found I really did not know a lot about the curriculum side of education. As we studied the Texas Long-Range Plan for Technology, the Technology Applications TEKS, and the Technology Applications Inventory it became very evident that many items control the curriculum standards. My thoughts until I began this course were not centered on implementing technology in the classroom but I soon learned that the focus of the future revolves around that very point.

The full impact of the state's focus in the future made me nervous as I thought about the amount of change that would be required to fully embrace technology in the classroom. The largest change would be for the teachers as they would need staff development, equipment, software and practice to accomplish this goal. The training would also have to be ongoing to keep the teachers current with the new web 2.0 tools. Williamson and Redish (2009) states "the dynamic nature of the field amplifies the need to keep pace with emerging technological knowledge". As a leader in the technology field it will be vital to support the teachers with the proper ongoing training. Teachers who have brought technology into their classrooms are aware that it provides an opportunity to differentiate instruction and change their classrooms into dynamic learning environments (Pitler, Hubbell, Kuhn, and Malenoski, 2007). As a technology leader I need to promote the teachers who have brought the technology into their classrooms and assist those who have not. I can provide additional training and form a group of teacher leaders to share tips and techniques. I am excited about the future of technology in the classroom. There is a movement for change and that change is changing our classrooms to meet our changing students.

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