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When I am asked by my coworkers, friends, and family why I am starting a Master's now, the discussion always comes down to "what do you want to do with this degree." Primarily, I want to move out of my music classroom and into a full time Instructional Technology position, where I can further the work that I do for a small stipend now. As "Technology Liaison" to the district for my school, I am responsible for training my campus to use the tech that we have available, I make decisions on what tech needs would benefit our campus yet still be affordable, I am in charge of all technology on campus, and I help to guide the district in what things the teachers need help with or want to see made available. While this is an important job, and I do a wonderful job of it at my campus (I've been told by administration that I am one of the top liaisons in the district), I want to affect more change in the district. I want to be a leader in Instructional Technology, making the big decisions and (hopefully) moving a little faster through the process than my current administration does. Not just change for change's sake, but rather strategic changes that will increase student interest in the classroom, filling them with a curiosity about the world and a creative drive that will help in shaping them into our future leaders.

### **What do I want to accomplish, and how can this degree help me achieve my career goal?**

I believe that this degree program will "fill in the blanks" in my education, which for technology, has been largely informal up to this point. I know a lot, and I am not afraid to "play" with something new, but I look forward to learning so much more about my field. I hope to make new friendships and connections that will be an ongoing resource for the rest of my professional life. I believe that this program can do this for me. I am extremely interested in "Learning Design" with Technology, and I know that the more I learn and absorb here, the more prepared I will be to lead in Instructional Technology on a larger scale.