

Personal MET

(Masters in Educational Technology)

As a Masters candidate in Educational Technology and an Instructional Technologist, I have found many resources that have helped and continue to help me succeed. The following is my compilation....

Networking – *Not career networking (although that is pretty important) but learning about computer networks.*

[Where to start](#)

[The Internet Book: Everything You Need to Know About Computer Networking and How the Internet Works](#)

Speaking/Professional Development – *Technology leadership includes being able to train and speak to groups. You might find yourself trying to convince your non-techie School Board members the benefits of virtual servers. Conveying that message so they understand is important.*

[10 Habits of Highly Effective Speakers](#)

[101 Secrets of Highly Effective Speakers](#)

[Professional Development Criteria by McREL](#)

[Designing Effective Professional Development](#)

[NCRTEC Toolkit](#)

Trainings for Trainers – *Attending trainings and professional development is really what got me hooked on technology. What's ironic is that the first one I attended was one I had heard about on the day before registration expired. I jumped through some big hoops to get it to happen. Was it worth it? Do I really need to answer that?*

[MarcoPolo \(now Thinkfinity\)](#)

MICLiMB

[i3](#)

[Intel Teach to the Future](#)

[Discovery Streaming](#)

Associations – *A good way to learn more about a particular area is to join associations so that you can meet or at least see what topics are important. There are many state-level educational technology associations. Become an active part of yours and you will naturally start networking with other states.*

[MACUL \(Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning\)](#)

[ISTE \(International Society for Technology in Education\)](#)

Books/Readings – *I can't imagine life without books. I say that but the reality is that I really don't read a ton of books. I've tried to train myself to read and stay current with online readings. This is why I have added a sub-heading for Blogs and Podcasts I stay current with.*

[Everything is Miscellaneous by David Weinberger](#)

Blogs/Podcasts

Will Richardson ([Weblogg-ed](#))

[Alan November Weblog](#)

Wes Fryer ([Moving at the Speed of Creativity](#))

David Warlick ([Connect Learning](#))

Discovery Educator Network ([Media Matters](#) – [Digital Passports](#))

Computer Skills – *Computer skills are nice to have but curiosity will naturally take over and give you skills. What is probably more important than the actual skills are the desire to learn more. OH!, and don't be afraid to say you don't know.*

[Do not be afraid \(of technology\)!](#)

Self taught until 2000

[See Trainings for Trainers above](#)

[MSU Ed Tech program](#)

Teaching/Jobs/Experience – *These jobs and experiences have made me who I am. I think each one has helped me with the use of technology and seeing things from a different perspective. That perspective may be a 5-year old, a teenager, or an adult. All have their place in technology leadership.*

Stay-at-home mom (need patience?)

Volleyball coach (understand the mind of a teenager-or at least try)

Tax Preparer (a quick way to achieve ethics through others)

Non-traditional student and mentor (working with and in higher ed.)

K-5 Teacher (learning my craft and exploring new ideas)

Lead Professional Development teacher (sharing new technologies)

Instructional Technologist/Data Specialist (sharing with more than one district)

Leadership – *Experience helps with leadership. Natural abilities help with leadership. Observation and working under good leadership helps leadership.*

[Tech Soup Technology Leadership](#)

[Critical Issue: Technology Leadership: Enhancing Positive Educational Change](#)

[Educause Institute](#)

[Women of Web 2.0](#)

Mindset/Strengths – *I think most educators have some of these areas naturally. That's what attracts them to education.*

Service oriented

Common sense

Be a Life-long learner

Guiding documents – *In any profession, especially education, you need to be familiar with the national or state guidelines.*

[NETS for Students](#)

[NETS for Teachers](#)

[NETS for Administrators](#)

[METS](#)

Resources that I find helpful – *These resources were not fully embraced by me when I was first introduced to them. Now, I can't imagine doing my job without them. They have all become tools of communication for me. I guess a bigger message would be – don't be afraid to revisit resources from time to time. You never know when the next upgrade is going to be the one to put it over the top.*

[Discovery Educator Network](#)

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[Skype](#)

[MACUL Space](#)