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Moving onto the next weeks--WOW, it was incredibly tough. I generally do not become too overwhelmed by anything EdTech because it is within my comfort zone...but this really stretched me! Perhaps it was such a challenge because I also worked full time this summer. I got behind, but eventually caught up--and it was all really worth it. I reinforced some of my understanding of things I was already familiar with (such as TPACK and SAMR), learned things I knew little about--especially the ISTE standards and UDL. I feel more equipped to move onto the third phase of this endeavor. ~ Technology Coach, Florida, June 2019

I did not know that the ISTE work would tie in so much with everything I learned by teaching at a Personalized Learning (PL) school. I hope to continue to learn and be inspired. ~ Librarian, South Carolina, June 2019

I have really enjoyed learning more about the ISTE standards and their practical use in any classroom. The most daunting one at first turns out to be the one I like the most - Computational Thinker. Our students are doing this everyday, but we aren't necessarily using the same language to teach the skill to the students. Having something to tie all instruction together for the students will help them AND the teachers. School Administrator, Florida, June 2019

I have found it most surprising that the learning in this course compounds over time. The deeper into the course the more connections I make. The last assignment really brought into focus the connection between all of the elements to write a lesson plan including UDL, SAMR, TPACK, and the ISTE standards. ~District Leader, Missouri, June 2019

I am surprised of how lightly I took digital citizenship, and how I now have the opportunity to be a guiding principle when making decision for our community of learners. I was also surprised by how intense and demanding this course would be. I appreciate it, as it gives this ISTE certification more weight. ~ Spanish Teacher, Florida, June 2019

Throughout this course I have found many things to be insightful. I have not worked this hard on any type of course since college. I found that my knowledge of technology practices was more minimal then I was aware. Building Coach, Indiana, April 2019

Thank you again for allowing me to finish and bearing with me as I struggled my way through. I learned SO MUCH and am ready to help teachers in my building incorporate the standards in their lessons. Instructional Coach, Missouri, April 2019

At first I thought the process would be daunting, but as I researched and focused on maintaining ethical sourcing for the presentation, I realized that respecting other’s work is not a difficult process. The act of changing the copyright of my own material was simple also. The presentation I created for a professional development on using creative commons helped me become a more ethical practitioner also. ~ High School Teacher, Kentucky, March 2019
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I learned that each ISTE standard has much more detail than I initially realized. I have learned a lot about myself as a learner and about adults in general. I have learned that I can do the on-line models but I need the face-to-face interaction or the phone calls to help me to better organize my learning. I have developed a whole new growth mindset when it comes to on-line learning. Something I thought I was proficient in I see that I still have growth to do. I have enjoyed this experience because it has made me reflect and grow as not only an educator but as a man. Assistant Principal, Kentucky ~ March 2019

They were amazing and very knowledgeable with answers. They were very personable and made me comfortable to ask any silly question I had. METC Facilitators were amazing!!! ~ Teacher, Wisconsin, November 2018

The time spent the past two days was very helpful in my path to becoming versed in the ISTE standards and becoming ISTE certified. The facilities were comfortable and easy to find. I am confident that I will be able to complete the next 8 weeks of coursework and also compile and submit my portfolio within the required time frame. Thank you for this opportunity. ~ Teacher, Alaska, September 2018

The trainers were knowledgeable and approachable. This cohort seems very collaborative and support and there are structures in place for us to connect and support each other. ~ Teacher, Japan, July 2018

I really enjoyed the training and all of the opportunities to collaborate. I feel I have a much better working understanding of both Educator and Student Standards. ~ Higher Education Professor, Texas, July 2018

The ISTE training so far has taught me to change my mindset. Instead of limiting technology out of fear that students will misuse it, I should instead have the mindset of teaching students how to integrate technology appropriately in their education and life. By shifting focus, technology becomes a tool and student mistakes become a teaching experience. ~ Instructional Coach, Missouri, July 2018