

### **Rationale Statement: Specialization Standard 5-4**

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**Outcome:** Uses technology to communicate and collaborate with peers, parents, and the larger community in order to nurture student learning.

**Evidence:** EDUC 6625 Week 1 Application

This Application assignment discussed how I was able to nurture student learning through the identification of and communication about instances of self-directed learning and healthy habits of mind in my students. In the first example, I discussed how I could collaborate with other teachers to encourage my students' ability to solve problems systematically in a self-directed manner. Later, I talk about how my interactions with community members have led to valuable lessons for my students in self-directedness.

The most important and useful example of self-management, self-monitoring, and self-modification, however, came through own self-assessment. By dissecting my own ability to accept feedback and complete my graduate-level coursework, I have been able to pass these teachable moments on to my students. By collecting that information with technology and assembling it into one place (in this portfolio, for example), I am opening the door to future communication and collaboration that will ultimately nurture student learning in a much wider population of students.