

**Julia R. Hodges**

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Julia is currently finishing her 4<sup>th</sup> year of teaching as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts teacher at Chemawa Middle School in the Riverside Unified School District. While earning her graduate degree, Julia worked extremely hard to be both a stellar student and exceptional educator. While a masters student, she has juggled being the Language Arts department chair, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, GATE site coordinator, District Assessment Committee member, Academic Pentathlon Head Coach, and part of a Promethean Board technology grant. Julia's innovative and successful use of technology in the classroom has presented her with many opportunities. She has represented her school and district at various school technology functions, including a presentation for one of the Disney's premier Imagineers, as well as sitting as a panel member during the 2007 U.S. Education Research Summit. Last summer, Julia also participated in the National Writing Project. There, she was able to develop her own writing talents and gain new insight on how to effectively implement different types of writing into the classroom. Julia is both a model student and educator. She is truly devoted to the success of her students, which is what spurred her on throughout her masters' classes. Her keen intelligence and devout work ethic will no doubt enable her to continue to make significant contributions to the field of education in the future.