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Project 4A – Defining Web 2.0

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Directions: You will be defining Web 2.0 in a way that will be understandable to those you are working with. Keep in mind that you need to address at least some of your mission statement, skills for the 21st century and characteristics of students today.

Web 2.0 tools are free, easy to use, on-line resources made available to everyone for communication and collaboration that make learning fun and engaging for both the student and teacher. These tools can help bridge the communication barriers between students, teachers, parents and the community.

Some of these tools which include blogs, podcasting, media, wikis, and social bookmarking are already a part of our student's daily use outside the classroom. We as educators need to change our teaching methods and incorporate these tools into our classrooms and daily curriculum to meet our students' educational needs. We must learn to speak the native language in effort to provide our students with the 21st century skills they need to succeed in life.