

## Chapter 2

# Technology Target, Tool, Task, and Tweet

With your district team, read the following and complete the activities. The information in this section highlights a technology tool that can be used in your BYOD.



**Target:** Social networking is the process of collaborating online in specific groups. Although social networking is possible in person—especially in the workplace, universities, and high schools—it is most popular online. When students have an opportunity to collaborate and learn together, they also have an opportunity to deepen the learning experience, share new ideas with a supportive group, and get meaningful, constructive, and honest feedback from their peers. Effective collaboration using social networking tools involves the teacher creating the environment, modeling the process, providing guidance to students, and debriefing the experience.



**Tool:** Edmodo ([www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com)) is a free website for educators that mimics characteristics of a social network—specifically, Facebook—and makes the traits appropriate for a classroom environment. Students and teachers are able to connect and collaborate on assignments and give and receive feedback on activities and assignments. Teachers can also assign students grades. There are great individually posted tutorials on creating an account and navigating Edmodo. Visit <http://bit.ly/SupportEdmodo> to learn how to create an Edmodo class (or group). There are also several YouTube videos available that demonstrate how to get started with Edmodo.

- “Setting Up Classes on Edmodo” (<http://bit.ly/BYODEdmodo>) shows you how to sign up for an account and create a class. It also highlights benefits of the tool for parents, teachers, and students.
- “Edmodo in the Early Elementary Classroom” (<http://bit.ly/Edmodoexamples>) shows you how kindergarten and first-grade teachers use the site.



**Task:** Assign a member of the steering committee to generate an Edmodo class for the committee to use to post information and share ideas. Then, respond to the first two questions in the chapter’s reflection questions on page 48. Finally, from chapter 2, identify:

- One sentence that speaks to you and the work you are doing
- One phrase that speaks to you and explain why
- One word that speaks to you and explain why



**Tweet:** Select one phrase from this chapter that speaks to you and tweet it to hashtag #BYODchat.