

The Montezuma School District is strongly committed to preparing students for life after they leave our district. We have always emphasized a strong academic program and that will never change. In addition to teaching students knowledge in our core curricular areas, we also know they need to have other skills in order to succeed. These additional skills are commonly referred to as “21st Century Skills”.

There are numerous versions of definitions of these 21st Century skills that have been developed by educators and business leaders to identify areas that are important for students. At Montezuma, we have been discussing these terms and are now starting to prioritize what skills are most

important for our students. When you read these definitions, you will probably agree that all of them are important, and we agree. However, if we want to try to get better at teaching these skills, we have to create a focus. We have created a

process that will allow us to identify the most important 21st Century Skills and create a “Portrait Of A Graduate” for our district.

There is a link provided that will take you to a survey called “Portrait of a Graduate”. We would greatly appreciate your input to identify the most important skills for our students. When we get input from staff, school board members, and the community, we will then evaluate the results and decide how to best ensure these important skills are being taught to our students.

We value input from everyone so please consider completing the survey. This survey will be available until January 31. Thank you in advance for your participation. You can get to the survey by going to the Montezuma School District home page or by typing this link:

<http://bit.ly/MonteSurvey>