

education2020.ca Netiquette

Education 20/20 online forums are provided so that people interested in improving Canadian education can share ideas, provide feedback to Education 20/20, etc. To make our forums as accessible, useful, and friendly as possible we ask that users comply with the following guidelines when using our discussion forums.

Our Golden Rule

Accord one another the respect and civility you wish them to accord you.

Lurk for a While

Hanging out and just reading the material on the forums without posting is known as "lurking." It's a good idea to lurk for a while before you jump in with both feet. Reading the material here helps you get to know the people who post here, the issues they raise, questions they ask, etc.

Be Friendly

Your demeanor and behaviour set the mood of our forums. If you are friendly, others will be more inclined to join and participate. Everyone prefers to hang out in a friendly place more than with a bunch of grouches.

Remember that Users are Human Beings

As useful as computer-mediated communication such as our forums are, they lack the subtle, nuanced expressivity we encounter in face-to-face communication. Emoticon's can't convey what a squinted eye or wide smile do. Therefore it is essential that you always bear in mind that you are communicating with. A useful rule of thumb before submitting a posting is to ask yourself, "Would I say this if I was face-to-face with this person?" If the answer is, "No," then don't post it. Remember our Golden Rule.

Don't Flame

Flaming is engaging in personal attacks on the web. It's very important to remember at all times to argue the point rather than attacking the person that made the point. Debates (even heated, vociferous debates) are welcomed – personal attacks are not. You won't win any converts to your way of thinking by insulting another person. Use persuasion, not confrontation.

These are Moderated Forums

Education 20/20 desires candid, lucid, and meaningful discussions on the forums. It should be realized, however, that this is not a public square where any citizen standing on their soapbox can slander, libel, or otherwise be rude or obscene to others. The moderator reserves the right to remove any posting which is deemed overly rude, obscene, slanderous, or otherwise objectionable. Let free ideas flow, but let them flow respectfully, truthfully, and civilly.