
“... employers lack reliable objective information about the academic competencies of young job applicants.” – Bishop

Do high school diplomas have a future?

High school diplomas are credentials; they attest to what a person has studied; they are much sought after and carry both weight and prestige, but are more of a marketing tool than a measure of one's education.

Their decline in value may be traced to a number of factors:

- A shift in emphasis in hiring practices by employers.
- The recognition that education and schooling are not the same.
- Breakdown in communication between communities and their schools.
- What you can do is becoming more important than what you know.
- Diplomas and degrees do not convey the information wanted/needed by the community.
- The practice of social promotion.
- Competition from on-line course providers who offer credentials in the same or similar fields.
- They've become a screening tool by HR Departments.
- The availability of testing services that, for a small fee, will establish a person's achievement levels.

We should not lament the decline of diplomas, but instead simply use the freedom it brings to improve the education we provide.

A reminder

Excellence Award

Nominations are now being accepted by Education 20/20 Inc. for the **Excellence in Education Award**. The award in the amount of \$2,500 will recognize a school or learning centre in Prince Edward Island that best demonstrates engagement in its day-to-day activities. Anyone may nominate a candidate and, the award is open to any school or learning center operating at the kindergarten to Grade 12 level. Nominations will close on May 25, 2015. For further information, please click on the following link: www.education2020.ca.

Coming soon...

Learning Path

We didn't forget. "The devil is in the details"; we wanted to do another consultation but winter weather messed up our schedule. I want to assure you that the Learning Path is alive, is now in draft form and should be in your hands before Newsletter No. 27.

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Unless you inform us otherwise, we will continue to send you our newsletters.

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