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Extend Learning Beyond the Classroom with Message Boards

Gaggle provides educators with many of the tools necessary to support student achievement. One of the educational tools that Gaggle offers is message boards.

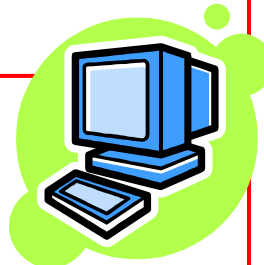
Message boards provide educators with an excellent opportunity to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom by enabling learning to take place outside of normal school hours. Message boards allow for online discussions to take place through a series of topic postings and responses. A teacher can post a topic of discussion to a message board and allow their students to log into the message board and post their thoughts and responses.

Message boards are a wonderful way for teachers to hold discussions because it guarantees 100% participation from your class, which cannot typically be achieved through a normal classroom setting. Message boards also allow for thoughtful responses from your students because

they have extra time to organize and think through their thoughts. These types of responses can make the discussions more beneficial and educational for your students. In addition, the message boards allow an opportunity for expression from students who may not normally contribute in a classroom setting because of shyness or a fear of failure.

Aside from online discussions, message boards can be used for a wide variety of classroom projects. Some of these additional projects include homework centers, test reviews, expert forums, or character impersonations.

Using message boards in your classroom, not only helps improve student achievement today, but it also prepares your students for the technology based classroom of the future, which they are likely to encounter in college or online courses. Give your students the opportunity to enhance their learning by using Gaggle's Message Boards today!



Curriculum Corner

Learn helpful ways to integrate technology into your daily classroom activities.

Test Reviews – Student Experts

You can use the Gaggle Message Boards very effectively as a place to hold online test reviews. You can set up a message board where students can ask questions they come across as they are studying. You can assign a couple of students to the task of answering the questions posed by their peers and empower them to become the student experts for the test material. By using the message boards for this activity, all of your students can review the questions and answers posted on the message board to help them better prepare for the test.

Training Tips

Learn helpful tricks about the Gaggle system here.

Filtered Message Board Posts

Each time a student makes a post to a message board, it is compared against the Blocked Word List to check for inappropriate text before it is posted live to the message board. If a message board post is blocked, the teacher will be notified via email with a copy of the offending post. The student is encouraged to resubmit their post without the offending text.

Message Board Access Levels

Gaggle provides access levels which allow you to control which message boards your students can view. You can restrict your students to class only, school only, or district only message boards. You can also create message boards which can only be viewed by a specified list of users.

Don't forget, you can always contact your friendly Gaggle Customer Service Representatives if you ever need help with your accounts!

