

Forum Rules & Guidelines

I. POSTING RULES

Note: rules of conduct apply to posting and all profile fields of your user account, including, but not limited to username, user title, web site, avatar, signature, location, or any other informational field that is available for edit in your personal profile.

While the administrators and moderators of this forum will attempt to remove any generally objectionable material as quickly as possible, it is impossible to review every message. Therefore you acknowledge that all posts made to these forums express the views and opinions of the author and not the administrators, moderators or webmaster (except for posts by these people) and hence will not be held liable.

You agree not to post or link to any abusive, obscene, vulgar, slanderous, hateful, threatening, and sexually-orientated or any other material that may violate any applicable laws. Doing so may lead to you being immediately and permanently banned. You agree that the webmaster, administrator and moderators of this forum have the right to remove, edit, move or close any topic at any time should they see fit. As a user you agree to any information you have entered above being stored in a database. While this information will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent the webmaster, administrator and moderators cannot be held responsible for any hacking attempt that may lead to the data being compromised.

BASIC RULES

- 1) Flaming : Do not post any messages that harass, insult, belittle, threaten or flame another member or guest. Debates are fine, but argue with the point or the topic on hand, not the person.
- 2) Trolling: Do not come to this site with the purpose of starting a dispute. Note that a person disagreeing with your opinion is NOT trolling; keep it civil, even if you're sure the other person is wrong. Anything seen as trolling will result in you being banned.
- 3) Spamming: Please do not double post or cross-post the same message in multiple forums. You will not mass-PM or mass-email multiple members of this site the same message. This includes "bump threads" and posts intended merely to increase one's post count. Worthless posts with no content and nonsensical posts eat up space and waste everyone's time. These are not allowed on any of the forums.
- 4) Offensive Posts, Links or Images: Do not use profanity, racial, ethnic, religious, or other slurs, or post, or any other offensive material. This includes:

We have members from different countries, religions, backgrounds. Even if you express a point of view that is very popular in your culture, it may generate a negative reaction from members in another part of the world so please exercise tact.

Southridge Forum of Education for Love does not filter your words because we do feel that our members can act like adults. Please understand there is a difference from stating your personal feelings of a group, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or background versus that of a sports fan's comments about an athlete.

5) Advertising: Posting of advertisements for products or services, links to auctions, affiliate links, links to promote websites, and so forth is not allowed. If you have a sex education - related or non-sex education -related website, you may include the link in your message ONLY. Links to commercial or business-related sites are not permitted in signatures.

6) No Disclosure of Personal Information: Do not disclose any other member's email, real name, address, phone number, IP address, or other personal information. This includes the posting contents of emails and private messages without the sender's consent. Do not bring personal disputes into the forums. Bans and warnings issued to other users are considered personal information.

7) Misleading Titles: On the Southridge Forum of Education for Love .com, the subject line of the post should be as informative as possible about the content of the post. This also reduces duplicate posts.

8) Duplicate Posts: Check the first 2 pages of the board before posting and make sure someone has not already done a post similar to yours. Pages can be accessed at the immediate bottom right on the board. Duplicate or similar threads are subject to being merged or closed at the discretion of the moderator.

9) Libel: Any posts libeling parents , teachers , or students. It's not acceptable to post that you heard Parent X has a drinking/drug/sex/personal problem from a "good" source. A link to a credible media source must be posted to support such claims. Other forums and personal websites are not credible.

10) Claiming to be a public figure: If you are one and wish to post as such, contact an administrator for verification. Such public figures include professional athletes, celebrities of any media, and/or political figures.

11) Playing the Role of Moderator: You're not a moderator so don't correct posters like one. If you have a problem with a post, email it to forum@southridge.edu.ph, rather than playing the parent. More often than not, that causes more problems than it fixes. Let us handle what is ours to handle.

12) Attacking/Disobeying the Moderators: If you disagree with something the moderators did, fine, disagree and let us know, but do it politely through email. Dancing around the rules, purposely skirting them just to see us twitch will not help you out much, either.

On the same note: No posting on behalf of someone who's banned. That'll probably get you banned, too. The idea of being banned is that they're no longer a part of this online forum community and are no longer allowed to interact here. No making threads that give glory to banned people. It's not a violation to mention them in passing but no threads that focus on them. Prohibited threads include "What banned member do you miss/would you bring back?" type of threads. They're banned; don't give them that attention. If a moderator gives you specific instructions in a warning, and you blatantly disregard it, you are subject to being banned.

14) One Account per User: multiple accounts are not permitted. If you have a good reason for needing more than one account, contact an administrator and ask for permission.

15) Thread Hijacking: taking a thread off-topic to pursue one's own agenda.

16) Shouting: excessive use of caps, large fonts.

17) Ban Circumvention: The actions of trying to get around a certain ban that has been put on you such as registering under a new e-mail, username will not be tolerated. This will result in a permanent ban on all levels and contacting your Internet Service Provider.

18) Abuse of Report Bad Post: Multiple reports per thread, duplicate or frivolous reports will be deemed abuse and subject to warning. Every report is addressed. Please do not report something more than once.

19) Ignorant Trouble Making If you are thought to be causing trouble by a moderator, you will be removed from the forum. This includes leading another poster into a thread or "board trap" where one member tries to make the other one snap by messaging them or subtly suggesting something that would cause one to argue back. Our staff is fair and if they pass judgment that you are here to cause problems, you will be removed. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. We have had enough problems here in the past and would like to operate in a civil manner. This is a publicly run website and will be treated like that for the members.

These rules are subject to change. We reserve the right to remove posts at our discretion.

II. POSTING GUIDELINES

When posting, understand that you're trying to communicate with others. Although we have several members that aren't fluent in English this forum is an English language forum. So here are some important guidelines on this:

1) Write in English.

2) Always do a quick check for spelling/grammar mistakes.

3) Format your post in an easily legible manner..

4) Be concise and articulate as much as possible.

5) Use enter for paragraphs.

6) Capitalize Correctly. All uppercase or all lowercase is hard to read.

7) Use correct punctuation. Avoid run-on sentences.

8) Try to avoid a lot of "text speak", "net speak" or slang. The purpose of language is being understood, not sounding cool.

- 9) Never invent acronyms, use as few acronyms as possible.
- 10) Read your post over before posting it. Try to catch typos.
- 11) Please check to see if a topic is already posted. Do not post multiple topics on the same subject.
- 12) Post topics in the appropriate forum.

V. THE THREE STRIKE RULE

If you violate one of the rules and/or the staff feel that you have:

The 1st step is to remove your posting rights for 24 hours from when a staff member has put the block on your posting rights. You will receive a PM as to why this has happened and your warning meter will increase.

The 2nd step is to remove your posting rights for one (1) week.

The 3rd step is to remove you permanently from the community.

I trust my staff and am behind them 100%. Do not try to appeal it with me via PM. If you don't want to be banned or blocked, then don't break the rules that were made by the members when this board started.

Major offenses will not be tolerated. While we do have the Three Strikes rule in effect here, such offenses can warrant a user immediate termination from the forums. If you are curious as to how what would warrant this action, please refer to our FAQ section that is entitled: "What do I have to do wrong to get immediately banned from the forum?" Rule #20 is a main example of this. If the staff member believes that you should be removed from the community for the good of the community, you will be. Don't cause trouble and you will be fine.

VI. Reporting Bad Posts

To report a post that violates the rules email it to forum@southridge.edu.ph and give a brief description of the rule being broken. Be specific in your report. DO NOT PM, email, or post in the Forum Discussion board to report offensive posts. This is the only acceptable and most efficient means of reporting posts that violate our rules. All reports are kept confidential. You will not be contacted regarding your report. Whatever action is taken, if any, will remain confidential.

VII. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Is posting private emails, Private Messages (PMs), chat logs, or Instant Message logs ok?

ONLY if you have the consent of the other party(s) involved in the communication in question. Posting of private communications without the consent of the other party(s) involved is reason to have your forum membership terminated and to be banned from the forum. This also applies to any private communications which are to or from the sites' staff whether they be posted here or elsewhere. In some places, posting of such communications without consent is considered illegal.

Why are threads closed?

There are many reasons why a thread is closed. The most common reason is that the thread has evolved into heavy bickering, name calling or other childish behavior. Personally attacking other members of the forum is unacceptable and may result in an individual warning to the members in question, which may ultimately lead to banishment from the forum.

If the thread has racial slurs or other derogatory comments it is subject to closing.

If there are other threads already on the same topic, it may be merged or closed .. depending on the situation.

If the thread is exhausted, or repeating the same arguments over and over and seeming to have reached its limit, it may be closed.

If the thread is posted in an 'instigating' or 'flaming' manner it may be closed.

If you see a thread that you feel is unacceptable or out of control email the details to forum@southridge.edu.ph. If multiple members of the forum suggest to a moderator or administrators (in private) that they feel the thread should be closed, it may be discussed among the moderators and ultimately closed.

If a moderator or administrator addresses a thread such as these with warnings to refrain from continuing in a harsh or unacceptable manner, and the warnings are not acknowledged, it is their job to close the thread.

Please do not start new threads asking why a thread was closed. PM or email the moderator who closed the thread.

What do I have to do wrong to get immediately banned from the forum?

There are many reasons why you may be removed from the forum. If you register on this forum solely to say negative things about the other parents or other members of the forum, you will be immediately banned.

If you use this forum solely to advertise your website or sell merchandise, you will be warned and may be ultimately banned.

If you have been warned by the administrators on more than one occasion to not personally

attack other members of the forum, or for any other reasons, and do not agree to comply, you may be banned.

If you were previously banned from this forum and attempt to register or post again, you will be immediately banned.

If you personally attack a moderator or administrator in a harsh manner, you may be banned immediately.

Trolling: Intentionally disrupting a forum by posting obviously inaccurate or inflammatory information and/or hoping to get a rise out of people. The perpetrators are known as "trolls".

What constitutes a post or thread worthy of being closed, or deleted by the forum moderators?

Anything that is a personal attack (by personal attack, we also include yawns, roll eyes, etc. that are directly intended to annoy, and are used excessively).

Topics that are dragged on or 'bumped' up for no legitimate reason or to start a fight/get a rise out of people...etc.

Cross-posting your topic in multiple forums is not allowed. Please just choose one forum to post your topic.

Anything that is "inappropriate" (overly sexual, excessive profanity, etc)

Anything that is defamatory towards another site, person, or organization.

*Please note - threads are closed at the discretion of the moderators, for any reason they see fit. Please contact the moderator or administrators via email if you have a problem with thread closure.