

Christian Home Educators Association of Greater Durham

E-MAIL LIST GUIDELINES

1. Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of the CHEAGD e-mail list (on Yahoo Groups) is to allow all members to communicate their questions, concerns and announcements related to:

- CHEAGD business and events
- General homeschooling topics
- Invitations for the general membership to join you in a fun or educational outing
- Requests for help

2. Additional Acceptable Topics

You may wish to include "OT" (Off Topic) in the title of messages related to the following topics.

2.1 Prayer Requests

We are a Christian group, and it is only natural to ask your friends to pray for you.

2.2 Kudos

Please do let us know if one of our members is performing in a competition, play, ballet, concert, etc. that members might like to attend or if they have achieved an award in a competition (like a regional Spelling Bee) or have a similar example of home schooling excellence.

2.3 General Interest Announcements

Occasional messages of a wider interest, (i.e., local events or notice of government action that affects home schools) are fine. However, many of our members also subscribe to Spice-line, so be selective when duplicating those announcements.

2.4 Requests for Referrals

Occasional requests to the membership for recommendations for pediatricians, electricians, photographers, etc. are acceptable.

2.5 Commercial Messages

Members may post curricula for sale and/or requests for curricula to buy. Members may not run a textbook business on the list.

Members who own businesses may post one message each semester whose primary subject is an advertisement for their business.

Unsolicited commercial e-mail (spam) is not allowed. Spammers will be banned immediately.

3. Unacceptable Topics

If you post a message that falls under one of the "Unacceptable Topics," the List Moderator will send you a warning. If you persist, the List Moderator will put you on "Moderated Status" resulting in required approval for each of your messages to be posted. If you repeatedly violate these Guidelines, the Moderator is authorized to ban you from the list.

3.1 Private Discussions

If a particular topic begins to go astray and is no longer of general interest to the general membership, you might be asked to continue the discussion privately (via each other's personal e-mails).

3.2. Rants

Something is upsetting you and you are ready to SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS! THESE PEOPLE ARE RUINING AMERICA! Well, maybe so, but please don't do your ranting here.

3.3. Personal Information

For security and privacy reasons, be discreet with personal information, both others' and your own.

3.4. Partisan Politics

Love the current administration? Hate it? There are plenty of other groups where you can argue politics until you are blue in the face. Not here.

3.5. Chain Letters

If you receive an email that says something like "Send this to everyone you know," that is a clear indication that you should NOT forward it to the group. This applies equally to sweet blessings, petitions, personality/intelligence quizzes, and photos of allegedly missing children (unless it is your own child or a CHEAGD member's child who is missing).

4. Bad Behavior

You may not post any abusive, obscene, vulgar, libelous, hurtful, hateful, threatening, sexually-oriented or unlawful material (text or attachments) on the e-mail list. If you do so, the List Moderator will immediately ban you from the e-mail list. The Board may also cancel your CHEAGD membership. CHEAGD has a zero-tolerance policy regarding this type of bad behavior.