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Website Critique: Edutopia Groups/Administrators

<http://www.edutopia.org/groups/administrators>

**Standard 2:** A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

This website has a groups page dedicated to administrators. It is simple and straightforward, and basically is discussions by topic that as a non-member you can read, and as a member you can read and respond to the discussion topic. There are a variety of topics that concern all aspects of administration. Some topics have most replies posted than others so you may not always get a lot of information about a particular topic.

**Standard 3:** A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

**One of the topics that was popular and received many replies was cell phone usage policies in schools. It was interesting to read the opinions of administrators and teachers regarding this topic. It provides perspective from all sides both negative and positive which can be helpful when making a school-wide policy decision or when just gathering information for a discussion with your own staff.**

**Standard 6:** A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

I think this website can be helpful to an administrator because it does provide opinions on a wide variety of educational topics and issues. Administrators, teachers, media specialists, etc. from all over the country weigh in on the topics so it allows for a wide variety of opinion. I do think that it is important to keep in mind that these are mostly peoples opinion and most of it is just that personal opinion and experience so if you are looking for research-based information this is not the website to use.