Visual Text Box Editor

What is the Visual Text Box Editor?
Blackboard’s Visual Textbox Editor allows users to spell check and format text inside Blackboard. The Visual Text Box Editor is now available cross-platform in Internet Explorer, Netscape, and Firefox however, users have reported problems associated with using the Visual Text Box Editor in certain situations. Therefore, by default the Visual Text Box Editor is turned OFF in your courses. You do have the option of turning the Visual Text Box Editor ON, if you like.

Known issues with using the Visual Text Box Editor:
☑ Doesn’t work correctly in all web browsers
☑ Doesn’t work correctly in the new Windows Vista operating system
☑ Can prevent users from copying and pasting text into Blackboard
☑ Students are able to easily format Discussion Board postings using a hot pink background with neon green, cursive font

Turn ON the Visual Text Box Editor
On the main Blackboard screen go to the Welcome tab (left) / Tools / Personal Information / Set Visual Text Box Editor Options / Set Availability: Available / Submit

One alternative to using the Visual Text Box Editor
Instead of using the Visual Text Box Editor, users are encouraged to draft content into a word processing program; then copy and paste the text into Blackboard. By using a word processing program, users are able to plan, draft, edit, organize and spell check text before putting it into Blackboard.