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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



1 *What is an incentive?*

An incentive motivates someone to complete a task.

2 *What is capitalism?*

3 *Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?*

No, all students do not need incentives.

4 *Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?*

Yes, rewards including allowances, candy, or gold stars motivate some students to achieve.

5 *What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?*

Parents' paying their children for academic achievement is not endorsed by the school; whereas the school compensating its' students for academic achievement is endorsed by the school district.

6 *Is it OK for schools to pay students if their parents cannot afford to? Is this fair to all students? What about students whose parents could afford to pay but choose not to? What about the students who are self-motivated learners?.*

In my opinion, it is not OK for schools to compensate their students for academic achievement. Teachers and parents should motivate their students in other ways.

7 *What is the difference between motivation and bribery?*

Motivation inspires students to complete tasks, while bribery coerces students into completing a task for a large reward.

8 *Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?*

Yes, cash rewards would instill immoral and wrong values in today's children.

9 *Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?*

In my opinion, cash incentives would not be effective at Radnor; as this is a generally affluent community.

10 *Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?*

In my opinion, students should not be compensated for their schoolwork. Therefore, no money from taxpayers or private donations should be given directly to students.

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