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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion

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- 1 What is an incentive?
 - Something that incites or tends to incite to action or greater effort, as a reward offered for increased productivity.
- 2 What is capitalism?
 - An economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth is made and maintained chiefly by private individuals or corporations.
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?
 - No
- 4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?
 - Yes
- 5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?
 - A parent giving their child money is more personal and the school is just bland and has personal mean.
- 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?
 - I think that it is the parent choice to pay their children for incentive.
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?
 - Bribery is overzealously paying someone to keep something a secret of doing a certain task but motivation the person has to work for the money and can than get it.
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?
 - No
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?
 - It could probably get all of the kids that slacked off to work their hardest, but for younger kids it would not be the right decision. First they don't need money, and in middle school you cant slack off school it is too fun.
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?
 - I think that private donations are the best choice because maybe some people don't think that this is a good choice and don't want to pay.

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