

Current Events

Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



- 1 What is an incentive?
 Increases motivation, usually a reward.
- 2 What is capitalism?
 The system of making a profit
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?
 No, but the majority of students tend to work harder if they will be rewarded afterward
- 4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?
 Yes, but some students gold stars and candy are not enough incentives to motivate them into improving their grades.
- 5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?
 Sometimes, parents can not pay them an allowance for chores around the house. So instead, in a way the students will be getting an allowance from the school for getting good grades.
- 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?
 It would be fair for schools to pay students if the parents cannot afford it. It would be fair to all students because the ones that are too poor will be given some slack. Also, the students who are already self-motivated will be rewarded for their hard work. However, it would not be fair to the student's parents do not want to pay for it.
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?
 Bribery is the negative version of motivation.
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?
 I think that is has the possibility to instill the wrong values in kids, however, it is still a good way to motivate kids
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?
 I do think that cash incentives will be effective in my school because it would encourage students to at least try to do better.
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?
 Yes because those who pay in tax may not support the cause, while private donations will be from those who do support the cause.

