

Current Events

Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



- 1 What is an incentive?
Motivation to do something right so you'll be rewarded
- 2 What is capitalism?
An economic system where wealth and power and managed by investing in stocks.
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?
Only students who don't feel like they want to learn and have failed exams more than once.
- 4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?
Depending on the test scores of the student you can see whether the rewards are enough to raise their grades.
- 5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?
Parents are able to change how much can be paid based on their current grades whereas schools have to follow a basic outline for the amounts paid.
- 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?
There should be a reward system for students whose grades are already good and are self motivated learners. If that doesn't happen, students will purposely do bad on tests and exams so they can later earn the money.
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?
Motivation requires some effort from the students while bribery involves giving it to them for a small fee.
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?
It could make kids feel that they should get a reward for everything they do and they would feel entitled to everything for doing as little as possible.
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?
They would be effective and they would have a lasting impact because it could permanently change the students thoughts about learning.
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?
It shouldn't really matter because either way the school system is responsible for what they do with the money.

