

## Current Events

### Schools Pay Students to Learn

#### For Discussion



- 1 What is an incentive?  
An incentive is a type of motivation.
- 2 What is capitalism?  
Capitalism is a system where the distribution of something by a private group.
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?  
Although all kids may not need an incentive, but it always helps.
- 4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?  
Bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. are sufficient motivation for students.
- 5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?  
The difference is that if the school pays them, then money is coming out of their funds account that could be spent on other things.
- 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 do not think that it is fair if some people get paid and others don't. If only the bad students get paid then the good students might "dumb themselves down".
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?  
Motivation leads to something good while bribery is bad.
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?  
I think that it is good if kids start to work for money at a young age, because they will have to when they are older.
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?  
I think that giving cash incentives would be effective in my school
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?  
I don't think that it would be fair for taxpayers to have to pay other kids to do better in school.

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