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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



- 1 What is an incentive? An incentive is something that motivates people.
- 2 What is capitalism? Capitalism is a style of economics that has no government interference.
- 3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn? Not all students need incentives.
- 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? When schools pay, everyone is more motivated, and there are competitions between kids to get the most money.
- 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? The schools either have to pay for everyone or no one.
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery? A bribe has a negative connotation, motivation doesn't.
- 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? Probably not for most kids, a few might benefit from it.
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars? Yes, tax dollars is just a waste.

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