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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



- 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? **Free enterprise system; you being able to make it on your own; trading and selling goods; idea of making a profit**
- 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?
- 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? **Yes. No. That's their choice, they can choose how they want to spend their money. Self-motivated learners should be rewarded for their grades.**
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery? **Bribery is the practice of offering something (usually money) in order to gain an unlawful advantage. Motivation is having incentive and wanting to do well on your own without getting rewards.**
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids? **yes**
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement? **To probably most it would impact them, but some it wouldn't.**
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars? **no**

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