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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



1 What is an incentive?

An incentive is something that is proposed to you, to make you more determined to complete the task such as a reward.

2 What is capitalism?

Capitalism is the type of economy that America runs on where people are rewarded for hard work and it is not influenced by the government.

3 Do all students need incentives from parents/teachers to motivate them to learn?

Not all students need incentives because some people learn for knowledge rather than incentives.

4 Are bigger allowances, gold stars, candy, etc. sufficient motivation for some students?

Yes, it is motivation because it's natural for people to work toward incentives.

5 What is the difference between parents paying their children money for academic achievements and schools paying them?

The difference is that parent's incentives and pay will differ from person to person.

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?

No, I do not think so because they shouldn't use the tax payers money, but it should be a bonus for people who are also self-motivated learners.

7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?

You bribe someone who is against doing it but give an incentive to someone who wants to but just isn't motivated.

8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids?

No because you get cash rewards for doing well in work.

9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement?

I don't think cash incentives would work because people already have lots of cash.

10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars? Yes, because not everyone would agree but they would still have to pay their taxes.

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