

Current Events

Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion

- 1 What is an incentive? **Something to help motivate**
- 2 What is capitalism? **An economy in which there is no government intervention with businesses.**
- 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? **If a school does it, they must pay each child equally**
- 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? **Ultimately it is up to the parents even if they can not afford, if the parent doesn't want their child spending money on things they don't know about then the child should not receive money from the school.**
- 7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery? **Motivation is self brought whereas bribery is brought on by an outside force**
- 8 Do you think that cash rewards for learning would instill the wrong values in kids? **No, the harder you work the more you get paid**
- 9 Would cash incentives be effective in your school? Would they have a lasting impact on student achievement? **Yes**
- 10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars? **Yes, they would have to be paid for by private donations**

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