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Schools Pay Students to Learn

For Discussion



1 What is an incentive?

Something that motivates a person to perform a task, and be rewarded.

2 What is capitalism?

Money....

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

Not all students need incentives. The children who are not doing as well in school need extra motivation for them to raise their grades.

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

Some students are happy to get these things as a reward, but others, depending on test grades, and how well they are doing in school, could need a bigger motivation to help them raise their grades.

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

Parents are able to change how much they pay their children, and different parents can pay kids different amounts depending on what families they come from. At school, everyone gets an equal amount, and they school is responsible for the equality of children.

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 think that it is ok if the school paid the children as long as they weren't singling out anyone because of their money income.

7 What is the difference between motivation and bribery?

Bribery is something negative while motivation is something positive you can do with rewards.

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

Yes I think that cash rewards would do this to kids, because kids will think that if the school can pay them for doing something, then they can pay anyone for doing something, and that is not necessarily right.

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

I don't think that cash incentives would be effective in my school because you cant keep paying kids all thorough school it would be too expensive, and also I feel like chidren would get bored with it, and give up.

10 Does it matter whether cash incentives are paid for by private donations or with tax dollars?

I don't think it matters, its all the same.

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