

Minidoka County School District
Attendance Incentive Request Form
Due Date: August 31, 2017

School: East Minico

Amount Requested: \$1,500 (\$500 per trimester)

Please list what the incentive money would be used for (be specific):

East would like to reward students per grade level on attendance, grades, and behavior. We will track and display how grade levels are doing to motivate students to do well. Grade levels have the opportunity to earn points based on the following criteria:

1) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the highest attendance percentage.

2) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the highest percentage of students with all passing grades.

3) A point will be rewarded each week to the grade level with the fewest detentions/suspensions.

At the end of each trimester, the grade level with the most points will earn a reward party.

East would also like to reward students on an individual basis for attendance. Students with only one absence per trimester will be entered in a drawing to earn prizes (such as gift cards or certificates).

How do you feel this will increase attendance?

The tool of holding students accountable through makeup time was taken from me last year to the detriment of student learning. Our students knew that they would not be held to the same levels of accountability regarding attendance and it showed. I was amazed by how many more students we had last year who exceeded the amount of days that they can miss per trimester, especially when that number was doubled from three to six. I strongly believe that if we do not have incentive money, it will further decrease student attendance at East Minico. I heard from several students and parents that our new system motivated students to get good grades, stay out of trouble, and have good attendance. Other students observed the incentives from last year and stated that they were motivated to work towards earning the incentives for our coming school year.

How will you measure the impact this has on attendance?

Our attendance secretary and I are very thorough in checking students' attendance. Each week our secretary prints off a sheet with the attendance percentages for each grade level. Those totals are announced to all staff and all students. These totals are compared each week and year.

Completed by: Bryan McKinney

Date: 8/9/17