

Before the first day of class...

In preparation for your first few days of class, make sure you have printed and cut enough YE dollars to pay your students throughout those days. Remember, you want to pay students for behaviors you want to encourage. What behaviors you pay your students for on the first few days will set the tone for the rest of your time together.

You will also want to purchase items for auction. These items should be relatively small items. Some suggestions include candy bars, bags of chips, bottles of soda/Gatorade, and maybe a couple \$5 giftcards. The first couple auctions will give you a better idea what your students prefer. That will help you make more specific purchases for future auctions.

The first day of class...

Pay each student 1 YE dollar as they enter the classroom. If they ask what it is, just tell them to hang on to it and you will explain it when class starts. When you are ready to start class, ask your students what the YE dollar looks like. They should respond with something along the lines of "a dollar."

- > Share with your students that it is a YE dollar. YE dollars are the only dollars that have any value in your classroom marketplace.
- > Tell your students they will have innumerable opportunities to earn and spend YE dollars throughout your time together.
- > Once students have earned YE dollars, they are theirs to do with what they choose. They can spend it, save it, whatever.
- > YE dollars are like U.S. dollars; if you lose it and someone else finds it, there isn't a whole lot that can be done about it. So, keep your dollars safe!
- > If you choose to provide a "bank" in your classroom, you will want to share that information with them at this time.

Things you might pay students for on the first day:

- > 1 YE dollar for coming to class on time
- > 1 YE dollar for helping another student
- > 1 YE dollar for answering a question or participating in a discussion
- > 1 YE dollar for volunteering to do something or demonstrating a concept
- > 1 YE dollar for being polite, courteous, or respectful
- > 1 YE dollar for asking an appropriate and relevant question

The second day of class...

On the second day of class, you might increase the amount you pay your students for arriving to class on time; perhaps you pay the punctual students 2 YE dollars and the tardy students 1 YE dollar.

If a student questions why one student received 2 and the other received 1, you can take that opportunity to discuss the Foundational Value: Responsibility. It will also signal to students that they can profit, gain more wealth, from being on time. Continue to pay them for the same things as day one but make it 2 YE dollars today.

The second week of class...

After the first week or so you can move away from paying them for the daily behaviors you have been paying them for and start paying them for participating in activities and games. You will see them earn larger amounts of YE dollars by participating in things like Pit, Paper Airplanes, and Boneyard.