

Renaissance Recognition

Idea #107: Tokens of Appreciation



School type: K-12

Activity goal: Encourage positive behavior

Prep Time: Time to buy prizes; 5 minutes per week for students to cash in tokens; 20 minutes to create promotional materials to introduce the system.

People required: Principal and staff

Space requirements: May need storage for prizes.

Timing: All year

Materials: Tokens of appreciation (3 per educator); Prizes for students (1 prize for each token)

Cost: If purchased, \$7.00/50 tokens.

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OVERVIEW

Catch your students that are doing the things that you want them to and give them tokens of your appreciation.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make or purchase Tokens of Appreciation. At Oxford Intermediate school, each educator is given 3 tokens per quarter.

Note that in the Jostens Renaissance store, Tokens of Appreciation cost \$7.00 for 50 tokens. You can buy Tokens of Appreciation here: www.jostensRenaissance.com/TOA

2. Order reward items for students. These reward items could be tangible rewards that donated from local businesses or inexpensive prizes that are purchased. Students turn in one token for one prize.

3. Create buzz about your new token system by advertising to teachers/students with movie trailer or flyers.

4. Give teachers tokens with instructions to give tokens to students in the moment when they go above and beyond. This can be during class time or in between classes. At Oxford Intermediate School, each teacher chooses 3 students per quarter.

5. Once a week students are called on the intercom to cash in their token for a reward. Any student who received a token that week will then go to the office to turn their token in for a prize of their choice. Alternatively, offer non-cost privileges as rewards, such as early dismissal or lunch line cuts.

6. As tokens are collected, you can recycle and pass them out again for the next grading period.

7. A good best practice is to take photos and post them with the names of students who receive this recognition. Showing other students that they have an opportunity to win prizes by showing strong character will help promote the tokens and the behaviors you want to see within your school.