

15. Does it help to give extra credit for the projects?

[Check this out, advisors. These great teachers are all over the map with this answer. Looks like you have options in developing your own style. But at the base of their answers, they all find ways to reward students for their achievements.]

Read also the first two paragraphs from Brian McNeal at January 2 in your planner. His remarks are amusing, but also very informative.]

Lucinda Mason:
Yes, I think so.

Al Gancarz:
Many schools now require community service, and many of the DECA chapter projects can be used for required school service. The prospect of extra (good) grades is always helpful for getting students involved in a project.

Bill Lind:
I don't think so! For those kids who were taking on harder projects, I always tried to make them feel like they were chosen to do this. When they asked about grades, I finally answered, "You can get an A or an F; there is nothing in between. What we do in here isn't really about grades, it's about you being satisfied with the results." That is how you take students to a higher level.

Debbie Tixier:
The motivating factor for doing projects is getting to go to conferences or even the ICDC each year. The travel factor is huge!

Dennis Sweetapple:
Yes it can help. If my students get to state competition, they get some sort of reward in a participation grade or an excused quiz, etc.

Mike Karpie:
You can give extra credit if you like. Or you could trade off the DECA work against some of the classroom work.