

## Ideas for Free/Inexpensive Rewards

### Elementary Level

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| <b>1. Assist the custodian</b>   |
| <b>2. Assist with school announcements</b>   |
| <b>3. Be a helper in another classroom</b>   |
| <b>4. Be featured on a photo recognition board or TV running in the school lobby</b> |
| <b>5. Be recognized during school announcements</b>                                  |
| <b>6. Be first in the lunch line</b>   |
| <b>7. Lead a class game</b>  |
| <b>8. Be line leader or caboose</b>  |
| <b>9. Be teacher's assistant for a day</b>   |
| <b>10. Sit in principal's chair for a day</b>  |
| <b>11. Sit in teacher's chair for a day</b>  |
| <b>12. Choose the read-aloud</b>   |
| <b>13. Choose your class-job for the week</b>  |
| <b>14. Choose the Go-Noodle or Brain Booster activity</b>                            |
| <b>15. Choose a game to play in PE</b>   |
| <b>16. Choose song to play for a quick dance-party</b>                               |
| <b>17. Choose a homework problem the teacher will reveal the answer to</b>           |
| <b>18. Design a class/school bulletin board design</b>                               |
| <b>19. Free homework assignment pass</b>   |
| <b>20. Draw on the whiteboard</b>  |
| <b>21. Clean desks with shaving cream</b>  |
| <b>22. Free admission to a school event or program</b>                               |
| <b>23. Coupon for \$5 off at school book fair</b>                                    |
| <b>24. Printed certificate and ribbon</b>  |
| <b>25. Play with a special ball/toy/sidewalk chalk at recess</b>                     |
| <b>26. Extra computer time</b>   |
| <b>27. Student and Teacher call home together to "brag" on student's achievement</b> |
| <b>28. Eat lunch outside</b>   |
| <b>29. Eat lunch with teacher/principal/special guest</b>                            |

**30. Eat with a friend in the classroom with the teacher**

**31. Whole-Class lesson outside**

**32. Enter a drawing for donated prizes**

**33. Choice time at end of day**

**34. Extra time for a favorite subject, like art or STEM project time**

**35. Borrow an extra library book**

**36. Extra recess time**

**37. Stuffed Animal on desk for a day**

**38. Play math games on the computer**

**39. Operate the PowerPoint clicker during a lesson**

**40. Play a favorite game or puzzle**

**41. Read outside**

**42. Choose a “fun” pencil/eraser/pen**

**43. Use a writing tool of your choice for the day (marker, colored pencil, etc.)**

**44. Pick a game to play as a whole class during recess (including the teacher)**

**45. Student reads a book to the class**

**46. Sit at teacher’s desk for the day**

**47. Sit with a friend during carpet time**

**48. Feed the class pet**

**49. Use a fun color during whiteboard lesson time (neon green, pink, purple, light blue, etc.)**

**50. Be a lunchroom helper/cleaner**

### Secondary Level

1. Receive a Letter of Recommendation from a teacher/staff member
2. Teacher's Assistant in another classroom
3. Go help in elementary-level classroom
4. Choose the homework assignment for the class
5. Be the School Mascot during a sporting event
6. Free admission to a school event or program
7. Shadow/apprentice at one of the business partners of the school
8. Hall pass to leave class 5 minutes early
9. Free Homework Assignment Pass
10. "Skip a Quiz" Pass
11. Drop student's lowest test score from the semester/trimester
12. Assist in the school office for a period
13. Eat at a special lunch table
14. Skip the lunch line
15. Shadow/apprentice the school principal or staff member of choice
16. Sit in the score box during football or sporting event
17. Special pass for preference parking
18. Sit in teacher's chair
19. Choose/plan a spirit week day/activity (hat day, pajama day, etc.)
20. Class DJ – student chooses appropriate music to play aloud during work time or transitions
21. Shout-out during school announcements
22. Name on school billboard/message board in front of building
23. Extra time on technology/devices
24. Use headphones/earbuds during a class period
25. Choose a class brain booster/break (game/activity)
26. Pass to chew gum or eat a snack during class
27. Cool pens, mechanical pencils, fun erasers.
28. Stickers (many kids like to put stickers on their water bottles)
29. Feature their work on a "Student Spotlight" wall or hallway display

**30. Choose their spot in presentation order – especially helpful for kids who want to go first or last!**

**31. Decorate their locker with a special congratulatory note or decal**

**32. Feature the student on School Social Media or Newsletter**

**33. Compliment Chain – the recognized student gets to nominate the next person to be recognized**

**34. Choose a different desk in class for a period**

**35. Choose the bellringer for the class period**

**36. Skip the bellringer for the class period**

**37. Choose partner for group work or project**

**38. Student gets to choose a class-appropriate meme of the week to be displayed on whiteboard in class**

**39. Double points on a class exit ticket**

**40. Extend the due date for a project**

### Rewards/Incentives for Teachers and School Staff

1. Shout-outs in staff meetings or newsletters
2. Bulletin Board in Staff Lounge with sticky-notes staff can use to post appreciation to one another
3. Staff member of the week/month
4. Special Parking Spot
5. Travelling Trophy (like a golden apple, comedically giant stapler, funny hat, etc.) that travels to teacher or class of the month
6. No Duty Day – skip a recess, lunch, hallway or crosswalk duty for the day
7. Jeans Day
8. Surprise Jeans Week!
9. Early Dismissal Day – leave the school building same time as student dismissal
10. Extra Planning Period – have someone cover a class or duty
11. Choose the next PD Day snack or icebreaker activity
12. Coffee Cart or Treat Trolley
13. Small treat in mailbox – Flair Pen, Mini Lotion, Mints, etc.
14. Organize a Staff Potluck
15. Voucher for a free school lunch
16. Scratch-Off Cards with prizes like Jeans Days or Early Dismissal Days
17. Quiet Lounge Takeover – Convert the lounge or an empty classroom into a calm space with soft lighting, quiet music, maybe an essential oil diffuser and mark as a no-work/student-talk zone.
18. End of Year Superlatives/Awards Ceremony – Funny & heartwarming awards like “Most likely to have snacks” or “Sunshine award” or “Most welcoming classroom atmosphere” etc.
19. Make a “Favorite Things” Staff directory (collect info from each staff member on their favorite drink, candy, color, snack, sticky-note color, pen brand, etc.) and use to give personalized rewards when possible
20. Decorate their classroom doorway