



MAKE YOUR DAY

A SCHOOL-WIDE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS
TEACHERS TO TEACH AND ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LEARN



Within MYD, why are there usually two periods that are worth more points than the other periods?

In order for students and teachers to conceptualize that perfection is not attainable, extra points are built into the day for two periods. The classes often chosen for the "extra" points are 1st period because it includes going home, returning to school and 1st period, lunch because it requires more self-discipline on the part of the students, or specials because those classes are structured differently. The extra points built into the day allow one to make mistakes, which everyone is going to do. Also, for figuring whether one has made their day or not it is very easy to scan across point sheets and determine if more than the designated extra points have not been earned. Some schools have every period worth the same amount of points and have a total number of points that students/teachers must earn by the end of the day in order to make their day.

New Year Resolutions

Just as students look forward to trying to do their best each day, teachers look forward to providing students with a positive educational experience. The Integrated Arts Academy at Wheeler Elementary School in Burlington, Vermont, focused on complimenting students this school year. According to the article, they gave students at least 12,000 compliments when they were on track with the school expectations. Suspensions and office referrals dropped dramatically.

Sometimes we educators, in our zeal to help students improve, spend more time providing students with feedback (aka corrections) than we do in

complimenting them for being on track. MYD has provided students with a way to take credit for being on track when they validate what they did to earn points, but it is still important that the adults in their lives also provide that validation. Even though teachers are highly self-motivated, it always feels good when a colleague or an administrator notices when we're on track - doing our job. It would be interesting to run the same experiment in your classroom or school and see if you achieve the same results as the school in Vermont.

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