



### **Best practices to ensure the success of your recognition and rewards program**

Clearly explain to your students how the program works and post metrics so that students know how to earn and be successful in the classroom. This helps students recognize that there is structure behind the program.

#### **Immediately recognize the desired behavior/outcome.**

Research shows that less “time lag” between the desired behavior and reward leads to more effective reinforcement.

**Be consistent** – Recognize positive behavior as frequently as possible.

**Provide specific reinforcement when awarding points** – “Thank you for helping Suzie look up the word in the dictionary.”

**Be cognizant about your reward patterns** – Do you always reward Sam for participation and not academic performance?

**uBoost show & tell** – Give students time to share their virtual rooms and/or badges with the class.

## **How other teachers are using uBoost in their classrooms**

### **Improve overall test scores**

- Award points for turning in their assignments on-time. Increase the number of points based on the accuracy of their work.
- Present award certificates when students volunteer to read and interpret a passage from their daily assignments.
- Have students complete a reading log, tracking minutes spent reading each day (parent/teacher sign off) and/or books read. Award points for incremental milestones.
- Let students share how a previous math lesson helped them at home for bonus points. For example: A student may apply a lesson in measurements during a craft project, science experiment, or even a baking session with mom or dad!
- Provide a selection of reading materials students can read and summarize for bonus points!

### **Increase class participation and behavior**

- Present award certificates when students volunteer to share the solution while reviewing daily assignments.
- Present award certificates to students who participate in class discussions.
- Present award certificates for the following classroom rules and values: neat workspace, working quietly, shows kindness to others, plays safely.
- Award points for participation consistency—a complete week of on-time homework assignments.
- Award bonus points to students who volunteer to help set up the classroom, feed the classroom’s pets, clear the chalk boards, etc...

### **Encourage and reinforce individual and group goal-setting**

- Ask students to review the uBoost catalog to determine what they will save for.
- Encourage students to “measure progress” towards their goal frequently—perhaps even charting progress over time. (A great lesson in graphing!)
- As a class, decide on a realistic and challenging group goal related to charities—i.e. as a class donate X points to save a whale by the end of the semester. Tie charity with current unit of study to enhance interest and deepen understanding.
- Promote metacognitive skills—ask students to reflect weekly on points earned (which will ultimately encourage reflection on behavior, participation, performance, etc.) and relate to progress towards goal.