

NGK Challenges Students

NGK Spark Plugs issued a challenge to the students of Sissonville High School Thursday.

Bob Pepper the Vice President of Manufacturing at NGK met with sophomores, juniors and seniors to explain 'The Challenge Program.'

"This program is designed to encourage kids to achieve academic excellence, academic improvement, community service and attendance."

At the end of the year, one student from each class will be rewarded with a \$250 check in each of those categories. Pepper says the program is a win/win for everyone.

"Anything that we can do to support improvement in the way kids handle themselves during high school and after high school can only be beneficial for all of us."

Pepper stressed the importance of getting a high school education and diploma. It's one thing his company requires of all it's employees.

The reason they chose Sissonville High School for 'The Challenge Program,' according to Pepper, was simple.

"A lot of our employees are Sissonville High School grads. So the more we can do to improve their abilities coming out of high school, the better off it will be for them and the better off it will be for us."

NKG plans to hire on 40 additional workers early next year when they expand the plant once again. Pepper hopes many of those new employees are Sissonville graduates.