

Rose-Hulman offers homework help to middle, high school students

Hoosiers can call or go online for math, science assistance

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TERRE HAUTE | Students in sixth through 12th grade who are having trouble with math or science assignments can find help with just a phone call or mouse click.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology is again offering free tutoring from 6 to 9 p.m. local time every Sunday through Thursday. Hoosier students can call (877) ASK-ROSE or (877) 275-7673 and receive personal attention as they work through difficult problems.

Students calling the hot line will need to provide their first name, their school's name and be prepared with necessary materials:

- homework assignment,
- textbook, if available,
- paper,
- pen or pencil
- and calculator, if necessary

Homework questions can also be submitted online at WWW.ASKROSE.ORG. Responses to online questions also are given from 6 to 9 p.m. local time. The program is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Tutoring is provided by college students who were recommended by their professors. They are chosen based on technical and communication skills. They are trained on how to best answer questions and explain difficult concepts to younger students.

In order to provide help with questions, tutors are armed with copies of state recommended textbooks and Internet access. While they are not to give students the answers to problems or assignments, tutors will help students analyze questions and come up with solutions.

Teachers may access lesson plans, articles, a summary of Indiana's academic standards and other educational resources when visiting WWW.ASKROSE.ORG.

Homework Hotline tutors answered a record 46,228 calls and conducted 3,405 online tutoring sessions last year. Nearly 80 percent of phone calls to the hotline dealt with math problems.