

Help on the way through online tutoring

Students in DeSoto County have access to help with homework through online tutoring. The First Regional Library System, headquartered in Hernando, is the first in the state to have an online tutoring program that instantly puts them in contact with tutors across the United States for help with homework assignments. The program was made available through a \$15,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant. Help Now! provides students with free online tutoring for students in grades 3-12 from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. A tutor can be accessed from a library or home computer and responses to questions will be provided within 24 hours. The online tutoring program is provided by Brainfuse.com, which is the nation's leading one-on-one tutoring service. Brainfuse was established in 1999. It's a revolutionary concept that especially benefits parents and guardians who don't have the economic means to pay for tutorial help.

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