

HOMework Express LIVELINE

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PREMIERS

Homework Express, Northeast Ohio's new homework help television show, will premier September 20 on local cable television channels. The show will air on Time-Warner, Armstrong, and Adelphia in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Students may call the show with their questions about homework, and teachers will help them live from the Bliss Hall studio at YSU.



Homework Express is a production of YSU's Telecommunication Studies program, and YSU students comprise the production team. Funding has been provided by the Youngstown City Schools, Warren City Schools, Austintown Local Schools, the Wean Foundation, the Seidel Foundation, YSU and others.

Similar shows air in markets such as Rochester New York (WXXI-TV), Montgomery County Maryland, and over the West Virginia Public Broadcasting System. The program aims to help 6th - 8th grade students sharpen their math and science knowledge and skills in preparation for the Ohio Graduation Test.

AUDITIONS

Teachers interested in taking part in Homework Express may audition on Monday, August 22 or Thursday, August 25 between 2:30 and 3:30 at the YSU studio. Producers are hoping to assemble a team of about six teachers, each of whom has excellent teaching skills and subject knowledge, as well as an apparent love of helping young people. No prior TV experience is needed, as several training sessions are planned. Teachers on Homework Express are paid. More information about auditions is on the Homework Express website, or by calling Project Director Fred Owens.

PARTNERS

Homework Express has been planned and is overseen by a team of partners including: Diocese of Youngstown, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, Mahoning County Educational Service Center, Trumbull County Educational Service Center, Time Warner Cable, Armstrong Cable, YSU's Beeghly College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences, and YSU's Office of Marketing and Communications.

VOLUNTEERS

Producers welcome help from parents, teachers and others on a volunteer basis. On show nights volunteers are used to help screen phone calls and to record information from callers. A team of volunteers will be developing content for the Homework Express website. Teachers also will review program tapes for consistency with Ohio's Academic Content Standards.

Producers are searching for people and businesses who can provide prizes and incentives of various kinds. These should be in the \$10 - \$20 range, and in a form which can be mailed in a #10 envelope (such as a gift certificate or I-Tune card). These items, suitable for 6th - 8th grade students, will be used to induce students to call with good questions, and to reward students who correctly provide answers to contest questions. Contact Jim Stipetich, EP, for details.



SCHOOLS FEATURED

Using Canon XL-1 field cameras, producers plan to feature two or three middle schools in each Homework Express show. Schools in the Youngstown, Warren and Austintown districts will be selected first, and other school systems will follow. Signed release forms are necessary for students to participate on-camera.

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