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# Sapulpa students to take tests online

## All schools must give online exams next year

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Sapulpa High School has jumped ahead of a new education law that goes into effect next year. Starting in the 2008-09 academic year, all high school students must take end-of-year-instruction tests online.

Kathy Berryhill, technology director at Sapulpa Public Schools, said for the past four years, Sapulpa students have been taking at least one of the state-mandated tests online, so the district decided to see if it was ready for next year.

This week, some students will finish taking exams in geometry, English III, history and Algebra II at mobile computer labs in the high school's old gymnasium, said Jo Trigalet, head counselor at the high

school, 3 S. Mission St.

Because the school uses a trimester schedule, Sapulpa students took the exams before many area schools that use semester schedules.

The district set up laptops in the old gymnasium because it wanted the school's computer labs available for those classes not taking the exams.

"It is away from distractions — everybody knows where they need to go, and you're not disturbing the other classes," Berryhill said.

About 250 Sapulpa students took exams online this winter, but that number will jump to about 1,000 students in April.

"We thought since we had a smaller number in January, it will give us a chance to get the kinks out, and to get it where we really know what we

are doing for April," Trigalet said.

School officials in Sapulpa believe theirs was the only district in the area that took exams online this winter, but other high schools are preparing for next year.

In April, some students at Jenks High School, 205 E. B St., will take end-of-year instruction tests in Algebra II, biology, and U.S. history online for the first time, said Debra Ensinger, director of student assessment at the district.

"We need to see how it's going to run, because it's going to more than double next year," she said.

Two years ago, students at Union High School, 6636 S. Mingo Road, took field tests in biology and history, but about 2 percent of the students

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Ernie Averill, district technician at Sapulpa Public Schools, and Kathy Berryhill, district technology director, set up laptops in preparation for online testing that is a part of the end-of-the-year instruction tests.

## Making new friends



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Vinicius Demarque (above left), a Brazilian youth ambassador for the Global Gardens program, visits with Eugene Field fifth-grader Maranda Sharp. At left: Eugene Field fourth-grader Crystal Magana (left) talks with Lais Paiva, of Brazil. Paiva, a visiting youth ambassador for Global Gardens, and other Brazilian guests visited the school recently and taught the students about their home country. Global Gardens is a nonprofit, educational organization that uses student-maintained gardens, like one located at Eugene Field Elementary, to promote personal growth and healthy living. In addition, the organization works to promote education about different cultures through opportunities such as the recent visit from the Brazilian youth ambassadors.

## Clinic helps families at Addams Elementary

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Transportation is no longer a barrier to receiving health care for families of Jane Addams Elementary students.

In the beginning of December, the Bedlam Clinic began making twice-weekly visits to Addams, 5323 S. 65<sup>th</sup> West Ave., to provide care to faculty, students and their families.

"We started it the first of December, but it's been a long time coming," Principal Carolyn Moore said. "It began a couple of years ago just out of a need, because the people in this area don't have transportation to medical services. If they do, it's not really reliable."

She added that geography plays a role in residents' transportation difficulties.

"One of the problems is that the school is on the very western edge of the district. It's kind of isolated," Moore explained.

Addams is one of 18 community schools in Tulsa, schools that provide extra services for students and their families, Moore said.

For three years, Mark Twain Elementary, 541 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> West Ave., has had a Bedlam Clinic for its community.

Twain Principal Diane Hensley said she and her staff started the school-based program. The results are a healthier student body and school community.

"Bedlam Clinic has really, I think, transformed our whole community in that we now have services for every family and even our staff," she said.

She also reported that transportation is a problem for families in her district.

The clinic, which visits Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, has been a success.

"We're now to the point with OU Bedlam that they'll now do walk-in appointments, so it's busy all the time," Hensley said.

The clinic will visit Addams from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays, Moore said.

"It serves all the kids who go to Addams and all the people who live in their households," she said, adding that it soon will expand to serving staff as well.

Amy Richards, Bedlam Clinic

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# Sand Springs sees rise in housing construction

## Sapulpa experiences steady growth

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More homes were being built in Sand Springs in 2007 than in the year before, while new homes are being constructed steadily around Sapulpa.

Within the city limits of Sand Springs, 80 permits were issued for new home construction for 2007,

compared to 62 new home permits issued the previous year.

When areas surrounding the city that are served by Sand Springs' water system are figured in, new housing numbers would be about double that, according to information from the City of Sand Springs.

Homes are being built in several newer subdivisions, as well as in established subdivisions throughout

the city.

Citywide, 500 or more lots are available for home construction, Sand Springs Mayor Bob Walker said, noting that prices can be found to meet almost anyone's needs.

He said Sand Springs' housing market is diverse in terms of both home design and surroundings — homeowners can build in rugged, forested hills or flatter, more open ground.

"It's very diverse," he said of the housing options offered. "People need to come look and compare

what we've got over here."

On average, a new home cost \$214,000 to construct in 2007, versus about \$207,000 the previous year, according to information from the city of Sand Springs. However, many new homes are being constructed for about half that price as well.

Within the next year, new multi-family housing options, such as apartments and duplexes, also will be constructed, Walker said.

He said anyone looking to move should check out Sand Springs to

see how it compares to other areas.

He cited relatively low crime, competitive schools, and overall quality of life as a few reasons people should give the city a look.

"We know people are looking for a community that's a good place to raise children, with great schools and a great quality of life," he said. "We offer all of that."

In Sapulpa, housing starts also have been strong, with 139 construction permits issued for 2007,

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