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Green Team at Webster High School

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Helping one Tulsa High School save money may be in the lighting. The green team at Webster High School is looking into lowering the school's utility bills.

Eleven students have started the team and their goal is to look at the amount of energy their school is using. They meet once a week to check the air quality, lighting, C-O 2 levels and even track where smells are coming from. This program is giving students a chance to make a difference in the amount of money the school spends.

Beth Tuner, Green Teams Advisor says, "This gives us something that we can really put our hands on and say ok if you do these changes you will save thousands of dollars."

For example the school spent \$35,000 on utilities last year and this new program could save them up to \$7,700.

Beth says, "this is a great opportunity. I mean this students are going to be able to learn something that could save not just the district money but hopefully then they can go home and learn different things to save the family money."

For Krista Dillingham, a Webster High School senior, she is already giving One student is advise to her family and friends. She says, "I think the very first step would be to turning off your gadgets at home like unplugging things that you are not using."

This program also allows the students to have a head start into a future career. Once they have completed the program they can take a two week class and one test to be certified to become an actual energy auditor.

The team hopes to have a final report to the school board by January so they can start implementing the findings.

Webster High School received a \$5,000 grant to implement this program. The grant came from a state group called "Oklahoma Green Schools."



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