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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Great Plains Technology Center, located in Lawton and Frederick, Oklahoma, has a long history of cooperation with SchoolDESX and, previously, Sooner Microsystems. This cooperation has lasted over twenty years, beginning with the introduction of VSR-3 for student accounting purposes. Just as Great Plains has grown, the software has evolved to meet the needs of the increasingly complex student accounting needs.

Great Plains Technology Center serves over 1,000 secondary and adult students in 28 programs. These programs range from Auto Collision Technology to Emergency Medical Technician/Firefighter. However, the full-time student is only a part of the student population at Great Plains Technology Center. Over 5,000 part-time, adult career development students take short-term focused occupational classes each year. New and existing industries in the



Great Plains service district contract with the technology centers to access training for their employees. Great Plains also cooperates with the local military post to provide training for active duty military personnel. SchoolDESX is an integral part of managing the student and class data for all of these populations.

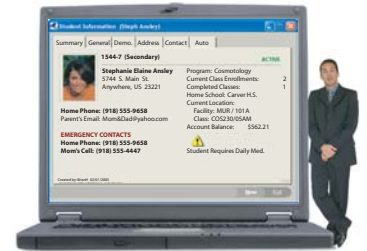
Great Plains Technology Center used VSR-4, produced by Sooner Microsystems,

until it became a non-supported application. Representatives from Great Plains Technology Center first encountered SchoolDESX in December, 2003 at the ACTE Career Expo. Impressed with the capabilities, Great Plains conducted research on numerous student accounting systems and ultimately decided that SchoolDESX came the closest to meeting the complex and varied needs of all users. Great Plains began the conversion process in Fall 2004 and implemented the system in January 2005. During this process, SchoolDESX personnel have provided outstanding technical support and service to the organization and the transition from VSR-4 to SchoolDESX was supported at every step of the way.

After 18 months of implementation, Great Plains Technology Center now uses SchoolDESX to produce student transcripts which serve as permanent records, tracking enrollments, completions, competencies, and demographic data necessary for state and federal reporting.

SchoolDESX has demonstrated the willingness to improve their product to meet the needs of Great Plains Technology Center and schools similar to it. As Great Plains Technology Center ends its first full academic year of implementation, we have become more familiar with the capabilities of the software and have been able to replace six separate programs with SchoolDESX, saving time, money, and effort for the organization.

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Special Points of Interest!

- Meet Kerri Theisson
- Learn About the New SalesDESX, Point of Sale!
- Make your job easier with Release 1.035
- Ever wonder what the "DESX" stands for?
- Learn how to Copy your Classes in Tip Corner.
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MEET SCHOOLDESX STAFF

About a year and a half ago, SchoolDESX Technologies decided that a new member of the team was needed to better serve our customers. From the very beginning of the search, we at SchoolDESX knew that any new addition to our staff would have to be very familiar with how career-tech centers across the nation operated, both on the Adult Ed side as well as with Long Term programs.

With these requirements in mind, our heads were turned towards our current customers. We quickly found a person who had a professional and "get the job done" type of personality, in that her current task was to implement the SchoolDESX package at her school. From the beginning, it was apparent that she understood our vision for the methods we believe schools should use to collect their data.

Kerri Thiessen began her professional career in Ada, OK as a graduate assistant for the high school girl's basketball and track programs. She quickly moved on as a full-time instructor for Norman Public Schools - teaching Career Exploration. While there, she also worked very closely with Moore Norman Technology Center as the job shadowing coordinator for both Norman High Schools. She also taught in the Vanoss Public School system as the girls fast-pitch softball coach, boys P.E. instructor and keyboarding instructor.

Kerri was later hired by Pontotoc Technology Center (PTC) in Ada to teach their short-term (BIS) software classes and to create and maintain their system's for tracking their Student's Enrollments, Attendance, and Grades, as well as to run all state and federal reports. Her other duties would include conducting testing for TABE, NET, and other mandatory tests. She also spent one year during her stay at PTC working with Murray State College as an articulation facilitator, helping students get college credits for their coursework at PTC.

During this time, Kerri was working on her Masters in Education from East Central University. In 2004, Kerri finished her Masters and went on to acquire her certifications as a Counselor and a Secondary Principal. She is also certified to teach HPER (K-12), Business, and Vocational Business courses.

Kerri has been an asset to SchoolDESX Technologies in more ways than were initially expected when she arrived a year and a half ago. Kerri says, "I love working for SchoolDESX because I enjoy the challenges that I face each day as well as the fact that I get to keep in touch with all the people I met while working in the schools."

Kerri will continue to be instrumentally involved in SchoolDESX's development, sales, and implementation processes to help our customer's reach their goals.

*Director of Customer Care
Kerri Thiessen, 2006*



CURRENT PROJECTS...

Currently, SchoolDESX Technologies is working to create a solution for Financial Aid that will be the most comprehensive Financial Assistance piece available on the market today.

"We have worked with many different schools who provide different types of Financial Assistance to their students," explains Larry Stevens, SchoolDESX's Manager of Development. Larry goes on to explain, "Everything from setting up funding agency disbursement rules to providing the proper separation of Title 4 duties will be included in this package."

The plan for the Financial Aid piece is to add it to the list of activities that we currently provide within the software. This way, Financial Aid will be available for



any qualifying Student in the SchoolDESX database.

This new function of the program will help schools do many Financial Assistance functions that are both required and preferred. Some of the options that will be available are managing distributions, automation of disbursement rules, tracking voucher and cash allocations, providing activity alerts and triggers, etc.

SchoolDESX will soon have a Financial Assistance Ledger that will manage all assistance resources, track awards and actual funds received, setup distribution time lines with allocation and priority rules, and will help to approve voucher payments.

One of the most important points is the security features put into place so that schools will be sure to fall into Title 4 compliance with the separation of duties between the Financial Aid officer and the school's bursar.

SchoolDESX Technologies plans to issue the new Financial Aid package in the next release due out July 1, 2006. The new release will be compiled in the latest version of Visual Fox Pro. With this upgrade, we will be offering SchoolDESX 2.0.

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ithlacoochee Technical Institute, located in Inverness, Florida, is fully accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. They offer a wide variety of full and part time programs in many different areas.

Their mission is to prepare students, who believe that learning is a lifelong process, to be literate, informed, responsible, productive members of today's society.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute believes that technological skills are mandatory and prevailing in future job markets. WTI has included technologically-related goals, and realizes the need to provide up-to-date trade related technology and the latest instructional and job-related technology.



SchoolDESX is pleased to welcome our newest schools.

We're very excited to add you to our group of SchoolDESX users and look forward to working with you and for you!

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reene County Career Center, located in Xenia, Ohio, provides quality career-technical and academic instruction for over 550 high school and 4000 adult students annually.

Since 1967, they have offered a wide variety of programs that provide opportunity for individuals to successfully participate in an ever-changing, highly skilled work force.

High school students who attend the Greene County Career Center typically do so during their junior and senior years. Career preparation and other classes sponsored by the Career Center are also offered at a variety of partner high schools.

Our products and service will provide Greene County the core applications they need, and will be specifically tailored to fit the needs of their program.