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Western Kentucky University places weather station at EC3

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Western Kentucky University now is monitoring the weather in Hardin County after it installed a weather station at the Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center, according to a district news release.

WKU has set up five other White Squirrel Weather stations around the state at university locations. The station is a weather monitoring and prediction service overseen by the meteorology program at WKU. It was installed over fall break, district spokesman John Wright said.

"We are thankful to WKU and the White Squirrel Weather program for putting the weather station here," EC3 Principal Dan Robbins said in a news release. "We have shared the website with our principals who are passing it along to classroom teachers. Students can have 24-hour access to the same weather data that meteorologists have. This is a fantastic opportunity for us and our school district."

Anyone with internet access can gain access to the White Squirrel Weather station at EC3 by going to hardin.weatherstem.com/wswelizabethtown.

The White Squirrel Weather program started in 2016, according to WKU. The station provides real-time data, sky video, astronomy information and forecasts.

White Squirrel program director Josh Durkee said in a news release the EC3 station presented an opportunity to Hardin County staff and students to reinforce atmospheric science as a strong part of the classroom conversation.

"Since weather is a part of each of our lives, regardless of our interests or occupation, we are very interested in sharing our infrastructure as an innovative learning opportunity," Durkee said. "In this way, EC3 makes perfect sense for White Squirrel Weather."