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The Stockton Record reports that the newest school in San Joaquin County, PG&E's New Energy Academy, was introduced to a pioneering class of 28 first-year students Wednesday. Kim Griffin

Bright ideas: S.J., PG&E flip switch on New Energy Academy, where students' studies will focus on green tech

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One of San Joaquin County's newest schools - PG&E's New Energy Academy - is a place where the wind blows and a low-wattage light bulb glows.

On Wednesday, a pioneering class of 28 first-year students were given a glimpse of what lies ahead at this campus devoted to green technology. They were introduced to makeshift wind turbines, solar panels and energy efficiency measures.

Science and technology demonstrations helped jump-start the school year. Partners in bringing the New Energy Academy to life are Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the county Office of Education and the California Department of Education.

The campus is part of Venture Academy and is situated inside the county Office of Education's Career Technology Education Building north of Arch Road and west of Highway 99.

Dedicated to a sustainable planet, the school is one of only five sponsored by PG&E in Northern and Central California.

"The program is devoted to teaching about renewable energy and green technology," said Nicole Liebelt, a spokeswoman for the utility. "The goal is to build a foundation for college

and for jobs."

The first day's hands-on experience included plugging in various appliances and computers, and then testing their kilowatt usage. With PG&E employees assisting, the academy's teachers took students from station to station and showed them how to apply science to everyday life.

There was even a bonding moment, when students huddled around an all-hands-on static-electricity demonstration.