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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic EAST CENTRAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

and or common Science Hall

2. Location

street & number East Central University Campus N/A not for publication

city, town Ada N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Pontotoc code 123

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name State of Oklahoma % Board of Regents

street & number 447 Education Building, State Capitol Complex

city, town Oklahoma City N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma 73105

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of East Central Foundation, Inc.

street & number East Central University

city, town Ada state Oklahoma 74820

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73105

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Science Hall, has marked the east end of Main Street since 1910, Originally named East Central State Normal School, it is a three-story T-shaped building of yellow pressed brick construction, finished with Carthage stone. Located on the east side of East Central University campus, the building measures 108 feet wide by 236 feet long and contains 43 rooms, including an auditorium.

The building is of Greek Revival style, with 16 concrete steps leading from the front sidewalk up to the porch and the central floor, which contains classrooms and the auditorium. There is a white stone pediment extending over the main entrance, and the porch is covered by both the pediment and balcony and balustrade extending from the third story. This two-tiered portico is surrounded by 6 unfluted columns with Ionic capitals.

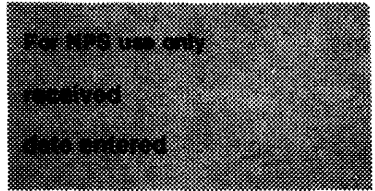
The entablature above the columns is an adaptation of classic design. The architrave is of white stone, and the frieze consists of yellow brick. The raking cornice, which is decorated with dentils, is also white stone and matches the stone pediment. A carved wreath is in the center of the tympanum. There is a metal hipped roof. On either side of the entrance are double, square-cornered pilasters topped by Ionic capitals. Two arched keystone windows are located between the pilasters and the balcony of the third floor, one on each side of the balcony. Below the stone sills of the third story windows there is decorative brickwork in a diamond-shaped design. (The rest of the front of the building consists of three stories of windows. On both the central floor and upper floor there are 34 vertical fixed windows across the front and 19 along each end. In addition, there are 26 ground floor windows across the front and 6 along each end.)

Two outside doors are on both the north and the south sides of the building. One, at the top of 15 concrete steps, opens onto the main floor; the other, located at the end of a ramp, opens into the basement. Each of these doors has a Carthage stone sill. The elevated side doors (facing north and south) have paired pilasters on either side of their pediments, which have raking cornices and smooth tympanums. The third floor windows have a continuous stone sill with the diamond-shaped decorative brickwork beneath each window.

Inside, each floor contains a central hall running north and south with classrooms opening off either side. In 1962 the stage in the auditorium was enlarged by an architecturally compatible addition to the rear (east) of the building. Also, in 1962 the building was altered when the original, badly deteriorated, paned windows were replaced by aluminum frame windows. However, the addition of these newer windows has not changed the overall historic appearance of the building.

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East Central State Normal School

Contributing Properties:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>
Building	One (1)

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1909-1936

Builder/Architect Texas Bldg. Co./Charles Sudhoelter

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

East Central State Normal School (Science Hall) is historically significant for its role in the development of higher education in the east central region of Oklahoma.

A nationwide movement resulted in the development of teacher training schools (or normal schools) in the 1830's. This was a direct result of the great demand for free public education. The early 1900's saw a shortage of adequately trained teachers, and especially in the western state, much effort was directed at providing facilities for training the much needed teachers.

During its territorial and very early statehood period, Oklahoma developed a network of six "Normal schools". One of these, East Central State Normal School, was established in Ada, Pontotoc County. Oklahoma Senate Bill No. 83, passed in 1909, created the institution. Classes began in October 1909, with an enrollment of 510 and were held in the Ada High School Building. However, this was a temporary situation. The bill creating the school also provided \$100,000 for construction of the first building for the campus. The site for the campus was selected in May 1909, and construction on East Central State Normal School (Science Hall) began in September of that year. The Greek Revival style building was the design of Charles H. Sudhoelter. His same design had been employed earlier at southwestern State Normal School, Weatherford, Custer County (listed in the National Register of Historic Places). Texas Building Company carried out construction of the building and completed the project in the summer of 1910.

As the first (and thus oldest) building on campus, East Central Normal School Building (Science Hall) has served as classroom facility for educating thousands of teachers over the more than seventy years it has existed. These teachers have helped develop public education in east central Oklahoma, as well as having contributed to the improvement of the education systems in the state in general.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Ada Weekly News, September 30, 1909.

Boeger, Palmer et al. The East Central Story. Ada: East Central Foundation, 1984.

Gillespie, John and Dale Story. A History of East Central State College. Ada: News, 1980.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle name Ada

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	4	7	1	3	7	6	0	3	8	5	0	3	3	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

East one-half of Lot 15 & 16, Block 6, DOnaghey Addition to City of Ada, OK

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lynda A. Stephenson Assistant Professor of English

organization East Central University date July 1986

street & number Horace Mann Building telephone 405/332-8000, Ext. 524

city or town Ada state Oklahoma 74820

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C E Metcalfe 11/4/86

title date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

William B. Bushong date 12/23/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration