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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to Project SEARCH, which begins Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Our classroom is located on the ground floor in Plaza 3. The address is 810 E. 23rd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Important Information

- Project SEARCH is in session from 8:30AM-2:45PM. Interns will spend five hours a day in their rotations. Your home district will be in contact with you regarding transportation to Avera.
- Uniforms must be worn daily, which consists of **black or khaki pants and a polo shirt (black, white or Avera green)**. Polo shirts can be long or short sleeves. Interns are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms. Please make sure uniforms are worn on the first day of class. If assistance is needed, please contact vocational rehabilitation for a clothing allowance.
- Interns are allowed to purchase food and drinks from the cafeteria, but we highly recommend packing a lunch to save money. There are refrigerators and microwaves to use.

Vaccinations and Flu Shots

- Project SEARCH student interns will be administered the TB blood draw on the first day of Project SEARCH. All interns will need to fill out the attached TB Assessment survey. You can either email me the completed survey or bring the completed survey with you on the first day of class.
- **If an intern is not their own guardian, I will also need all guardians to sign the attached consent form.** You can either email me a copy or bring the completed consent form on the very first day of class.
- All interns will need to get a flu shot this fall, as this is required by all Avera staff and volunteers. We will send out a reminder email later this fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Gina Coley at (712)-899-7577, gina.coley@teachwell.org.

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