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Special Education Teacher

Dear Teachwell Thrive students and families,

We are excited for the upcoming school year!

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 20th**. We have included a Teachwell school calendar with this letter. Students will follow the Teachwell calendar regarding holidays and early dismissals.

When should I be there?

Our school day runs from **8:30am-2:45pm**. Thrive staff will greet students at the door on the first day. Students can be dropped off between 8-8:30am and picked up between 2:45-3pm.

How will I get there?

Transportation will be provided by your home school district to and from the Teachwell building, **715 E 14th St, Sioux Falls, SD**. Your home school district will reach out with transportation schedule information during the month of August. Transportation during the day will be taken care of by Teachwell staff.

What will I eat?

Lunch will be available for purchase from the Sioux Falls School District, or you can bring your own lunch. Please avoid sending peanut products due to allergy concerns. On Fridays, we cook as a class, so students will have the option to eat our prepared meal or bring lunch from home. School lunch will not be available to students on Fridays. **We will send out additional information on school lunch billing as well as a free and reduced lunch application in mid-August.**



Rebecca Thompson, MA, CESP
Special Education Teacher

What should I bring?

You do not need to bring any specific school supplies, but you may want to bring wired headphones for some computer activities. You are welcome to bring personal items, but we will ask you to keep items that may be a distraction put away during instructional time. We are also including a student information packet with this letter. Please fill this out and bring it on the first day of school.

What should I wear?

In August and September, you will want to dress comfortably so you are prepared for any outdoor activities we may have. When Project Skills job placements begin in October, we will discuss individual dress code and uniform requirements with students according to employer expectations.

Wait... when will I start working?

We will spend the months of August and September completing career exploration and job interest activities. Students and staff will work together to determine job placements and students will meet and interview with employers prior to starting their internships. Individual start dates may vary, but students typically begin working in the beginning of October.

What do you need from me?

We are including student information forms for you to complete and return on the first day of school so we can ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact information for you.

Help! I have a different question!

Please reach out with any questions you may have via email at whitley.heubrock@teachwell.org and rebecca.thompson@teachwell.org, or we can be reached by phone (call/text) at **605-679-0082**. Please save this phone number to your contacts for communication with us throughout the school year.

We look forward to seeing you!

Rebecca, Whitley, Drew, Tiana, and Kara