



# Brookings School District

*Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential*

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To: Board of Education

From: Heather Asmussen, Director of Special Services

Re: Administrative Report for May 2025

Date: May 5, 2025

## 1. A Great Place to Work and Learn

Project SEARCH graduation will be held on May 8th at Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our six interns, three of which are from surrounding districts. Our interns have successfully completed three rotations including employment opportunities throughout the SDSU campus and Falcon Plastics.

Project SEARCH is a unique, business-led internship program designed for students with disabilities aged 18–21 who have completed their high school academic requirements and are eager to join the workforce. The program is a collaboration between SDSU and Project SEARCH, providing interns with the opportunity to explore careers and build transferable job skills.

Interns participate in the program five days a week, where they receive classroom instruction in employability skills and hands-on job training through real-world work experiences. Each intern completes a series of 10–12 week job rotations that match their strengths and interests. Throughout the process, interns receive tailored support through accommodations, adaptations, and on-the-job coaching.

We are proud of our interns' hard work, growth, and dedication. Join us in honoring their accomplishments as they take the next step toward employment and independence.

## 2. A Great Place to Work and Collaborate

We continue to see growth in our special education numbers. As of April 30, we have 709 students who are served in our special education programs with 18 pending evaluations. The year will wrap up with a record high number of students receiving special education services.

Grades	EC	JK	kg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12+	
Total of all schools	77	11	57	55	69	67	66	56	45	45	29	48	20	32	22	10	709