

EXPLORE THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

While exploring the school and community, make sure to obtain the following information

- Personnel Directories**
Obtain personnel directories for your school and school system that include employees' names and phone numbers. Save important phone numbers, such as those of your administrators, in your phone.

- School Tour**
Ask your administrator to walk through the school building with you. This will help you “get the lay of the land” and have a better understanding of the day-to-day functions of the school.

- New Teacher Resources**
Many school districts provide new teachers with digital or printed resources that will help you become better acquainted with the school district. Keep these resources to reference later.

- Mentors**
Work with your administrator to see if the district will assign a mentor to you for your first few years of teaching. You may also want to work with your state agricultural educators' association to see if they offer a mentorship program as well.

- Local Community**
If time allows, get to know the following people; businesses in the area, farmers and agriculturalists, county extension agents, philanthropic groups, social workers/supports for students in crisis, etc.

- Access to School Facilities**
Make sure to obtain the right keys, codes, and cards to access all necessary school facilities, including those specific to the agricultural education department.