Polaris Tech
CHARTER SCHOOL

School Profile: Polaris Tech, Ridgeland South Carolina

Nestled in the South Carolina coastal Lowcountry is a new way of teaching and learning at innovative Polaris Tech Charter School. Serving grades 5-12 in 2021, with a strong technology component for both in-school and remote learning, Polaris Tech is in its third year of successful operation and enrolls about 300 students from four counties.

The Ridgeland, SC school is about 30 minutes from Savannah, Georgia, about 45 minutes from Hilton Head Island and historic Beaufort, South Carolina, an hour from Charleston, and four hours from Atlanta or Charlotte. The Lowcountry is a highly desired location for all with warm winters and sunny summers.

Polaris Tech is a state-approved charter school serving fifth grade through twelfth grade students from Jasper County and the Lowcountry. It is a free school (no tuition), that focuses on preparing young people for successful work and college.

Students participate in six career paths: **Business Management, Aerospace Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Science, Logistics** and **Engineering**. These career paths were selected after deep research into burgeoning industries not only in South Carolina but across the Southeast. These industries also are resilient and, so far, have been growth sectors even in the pandemic. Our goal is to prepare young graduates for success in their career or college – or both.

Personalized learning addresses the needs of all students, including those in remediation and acceleration. Five high-impact strategies are the hallmark of Polaris Tech's approach: *Learner profiles, competency-based progression, personal learning paths, flexible environments including remote, and an emphasis on college and career readiness.*

The custom-designed school is located on Grays Highway across from the Ridgeland Airport. Young people from Jasper, Colleton, Hampton and Beaufort counties attend.

Our Mission: To unleash potential, cultivate aspirations, and graduate students who are career-focused, college-ready and invested in the community.

Our Vision: Polaris Tech is an innovation leader and school choice where graduates become the next generation of leaders, employers and employees who contribute to the economic well-being of their communities and families.

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