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Applications open for Public Safety Student Leadership and Intern Program

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Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) is partnering with Charleston County’s Public Safety Directorate to offer a Department of Public Safety Student Leadership and Intern Program.

High school juniors can apply now. Students will be trained to work in the Emergency Medical Services Department or the Consolidated 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.

“Charleston County Government has been one of our stalwart partners, and we are very excited to launch this transformative, public service-focused initiative,” said Rich Gordon, Executive Director of Career and Technology Education. “Our students will receive a paid, hands-on training experience in the rewarding career field of public safety while simultaneously earning high school credits and industry-recognized certifications.”

The internship is only offered to CCSD juniors; they will be paid \$13.75 per hour. The four-to-six-week summer program provides career readiness training in addition to industry-recognized certifications and credentials. The program will begin in June and include some weekends during the school year. Signed parental or guardian approval is required for students to participate.

Applications and qualifications can be found [here](#).

“We want to encourage Charleston County students to apply for this program,” said Deputy County Administrator of Public Safety Eric Watson. “The goal is to empower local students to become future leaders within Charleston County Government, and those who are successful can land a good paying job with great benefits.”

For information about this internship, visit the Charleston County website at www.charlestoncounty.org, or contact the CCSD Division of Strategy and Communication at (843) 937-6603.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.