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Rigamajig® comes to North Charleston Elementary

North Charleston Elementary School

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North Charleston, SC - North Charleston Elementary School (NCES) encourages students to explore and pursue their interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) skills in fun and engaging ways. The school recently received a new Rigamajig®, granted through a partnership between The [CarMax Foundation](#) and [KABOOM!](#), to provide a fun, play-based learning experience focused on building 21st-century skills.

North Charleston Elementary was one of only 10 schools/community organizations across the country to be awarded a Rigamajig® set through the [Future Innovators Program](#) in 2020.

Rigamajig® stimulates inquisitive minds through creative thinking and problem-solving skills that are developed during experiential play and hands-on, active learning. The collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts, bolts, and rope allows children to follow their curiosity through play.

"We are thrilled to offer our students creative learning opportunities," said Principal Melissa Brubaker. We look forward to adding to our Dream Learning Lab so that the students of North Charleston Elementary have access to the highest quality STEM programming."

All students at NCES, in Pre-K to fifth grade, will have access to the Rigamajig® for grade-level appropriate exploration during their special area rotation through the Dream Learning Lab (makerspace).

"The Rigamajig® is a wonderful addition to the Dream Learning Lab, which is supported by the [Liberty Hill STEM Initiative](#)," added Lynn Clegg, a STEM Coordinator for Charleston County School District. "The mission of the Liberty Hill STEM Initiative is to provide high-quality programs in the Liberty Hill neighborhood schools that will provide all students with a rigorous and relevant academic and technical education in order to prepare them for the high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage STEM occupations of the 21st-century economy."

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is 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 more than 50,000 students in 87 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.