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## **KINGSTREE MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SELECTED FOR STATEWIDE PALMETTO AI PATHWAYS ROBOTICS PROGRAM**

Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts (KMMSA) has been selected as one of only ten schools across South Carolina to participate in the innovative Palmetto AI Pathways Robotics Program, a new statewide initiative designed to expand technology learning opportunities for students.

On April 17, 2026, KMMSA's eighth-grade students, along with select groups of seventh- and sixth-grade students, participated in an engaging, hands-on learning experience through the Palmetto AI program. The initiative focuses on providing middle school students with exposure to coding, robotics, and artificial intelligence, preparing them for future academic and career pathways in technology-driven fields.

A highlight of the experience included student interaction with the SC Competes robotic dog, Palmetto Automated Learner (PAL). Students explored real-world applications of artificial intelligence and robotics while participating in interactive lessons designed to foster innovation, creativity, and critical thinking.

The Palmetto AI Pathways program is designed to engage, equip, and empower students in grades 6–8 with foundational knowledge and practical experiences in emerging technologies. KMMSA's selection into this prestigious program reflects the school's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and preparing students for the future.

Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts looks forward to continuing to provide students with meaningful learning opportunities that inspire creativity, problem-solving, and leadership through technology.

*The mission of Williamsburg County School District is to prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship in a global society.*