



RIDGE VIEW  
HIGH SCHOOL



WESTWOOD HIGH  
SCHOOL

## Hey Future Red Hawk and Blazer Freshmen!

Are you the type of student who likes to figure out how something works? Or maybe you like working with computer technology? Well, Westwood and Ridge View High Schools both have a new program called Carolina Alliance for Technology or CAT, which will help you develop either your computer programming techniques or your engineering skills.

The CAT Program offers sixty-two freshmen at Ridge View High School and sixty-two at Westwood High School a chance to participate in coursework focusing on the fields of Computer Science or Engineering for four consecutive years. It promotes service learning, project-based learning, internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing through multiple partnerships with local business leaders. Summer computer science and engineering field experiences are available to CAT students who qualify (ex: Clemson's ICAR, IT-oloGy Workshops, & Disney Youth Education Series). Participants can also take advantage of the personalized support of a CAT counselor, CDFs, and other faculty members. CAT students may have the potential to earn college credit or nationally recognized certifications upon successful completion of this 4-year program.

If you are heading to Westwood or Ridge View High Schools next year and you are interested in CAT, please fill out the CAT application with your parents as soon as possible:

Westwood: <https://sites.google.com/a/richland2.org/cat-program/cat-avid-application>

Ridge View: <https://sites.google.com/a/richland2.org/rvhs-sws-app/>

You can follow-up with the CAT School Counselor, Mrs. Post. She can be reached via email at [jpost@richland2.org](mailto:jpost@richland2.org) or via phone at [803.691.4049](tel:803.691.4049) x36108 (WHS) or [803.699.2999](tel:803.699.2999) x-366 (RVHS). Please note that CAT is NOT a magnet, and school choice acceptance is independent of the CAT Program acceptance.