Mission & Approach to Learning:
The Science Leadership Academy is a partnership high school between the School District of Philadelphia and The Franklin Institute. SLA provides a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum with a focus on science, technology, mathematics, and entrepreneurship. Students at SLA learn in a technology-infused, project-based environment where the core values of inquiry, research, collaboration, presentation, and reflection are emphasized in all classes.

Points of Pride:
- Recognized as the Dell Center of Excellence for Education – 2014-current
- Digital Video program won the Global 10-Day Film Challenge - 2019
- Division-winning sports teams: Girls’ Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Girls Volleyball
- Nationally recognized 1:1 laptop program
- 2011 City Debate Champions, 2016-2018 National Debate qualifiers
- Four year Advisory program
- 2019 State Qualifier – FIRST Robotics
- Award-winning student journalism program
- Over $2 million dollars in merit based scholarships for the Class of 2019
- Named as one of the Ten Most Amazing Schools by Ladies Home Journal in Aug. 2010
- Featured in the PBS Documentary, Digital Media: New Learners for the 21st Century
- Apple Distinguished School: 2009-2013
- President Barack Obama spoke with graduating Class of 2012
- Gates Millennium Scholars 2010-2014
- Designed and built a solar distillation system for a hospital in Sierra Leone
- Two patents pending for a flow process biodiesel generator
- Siam Poetry Program, placing students on Philadelphia Youth Slam team and home to current Philadelphia Youth Poet Laureate
- Grants from Dell, Braskem and State Farm
- Took part in White House Google Hangout as part of ConnectED White House initiative in 2013

Courses & Program Highlights:
Approved CTE Programs:
- Engineering Technologies
- Film and Video Production

Dual Enrollment Program:
Drexel University, U. Penn Scholars and Community College of Philadelphia
Streamed courses in 9-11 Grades; 10 and 11 Grade Individualized Learning Plan; 12 Grade Capstone Course
Courses offered in Digital Filmmaking, Computer Science Engineering, General Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Journalism, Debate, Art Studio, Ceramics, Drama/Playwriting, Debate, and Music

Partnerships:
- Braskem
- Drexel University
- 100+ organizations partnering for student Individualized Learning Plans

Extracurricular Activities:
Art Club • Chess Club • Community Service Club • Debate • Digital Video • Drama • Dream Interpretation Club • Engineering Club • Gay-Straight Alliance • Improv • Journalism • Lit Mag • Math Club • Music • Peer Mediation • Poetry Slam • Robotics • Science Club • Student Leadership • Tech Club • Theater • Yearbook

Sports Teams (w/ Ben Franklin):
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball—Girls’ and Boys’
- Cross Country—Co-ed
- Football
- Soccer—Girls’ and Boys’
- Softball
- Students Run Philly Style
- Track—Co-ed
- Ultimate Frisbee—Girls’ and Boys’
- Volleyball—Girls’