Mission & Approach to Learning:
The mission of South Philadelphia High School is to create a Community School in which our students are supported through academics, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs, athletic program, clubs, and outside providers to successfully graduate from high school. Our students will master academic skills and earn vocational certificates which will enable them to pursue post-secondary education, employment, or military careers. Our ultimate goal is to graduate productive and engaged citizens who contribute in a positive way to society.

Our comprehensive approved CTE Programs—Graphic Design, Computer Supports Systems Technology, Culinary Arts, Engineering Technologies, and Health Related Technologies—emphasize employability, technological skills, and transition-to-work services.

Our award-winning JROTC program prepares our students for military careers through self-discipline and leadership training. Our athletic program promotes teamwork and the health and wellbeing of our students. Clubs and electives promote cultural awareness.

Our academic instruction is driven by current research and the changing paradigm of education. Graduates of South Philadelphia High School will enter the world as competitive, productive, and well-rounded citizens.

Points of Pride:
- Diversity—We have over 23 different languages spoken in our school
- National Honor Society – One of the first 10 chapters in the United States
- U.S. Army J.R.O.T.C.
- Teen Court
- Restorative Practices
- Music (Vocal & Instrumental) Program

Courses & Program Highlights:

Approved CTE Programs: (citywide access, based on space availability) Computer Supports Systems Technology • Culinary Arts • Engineering Technologies • Graphic Design • Health Related Technologies

Advanced Placement Courses
Honors Classes
9th Grade Academy, JROTC, Digital Photography, Yearbook, Music, Law

Southern Technical Center at South Philadelphia HS: Southern Tech’s mission is to provide students with a blend of strong Academic and Career & Technical competencies necessary for future success in high tech industries. Southern Tech will emphasize literacy, mathematics, scientific, and technical proficiencies. All of our eight Career & Technical Programs offer a college and career path readiness. Students enrolled in CTE Programs are taught by the same teacher for three years. This permits the teacher to become a mentor and supporter for each of the students in the CTE classes. Students can earn Industry Certifications and Credentials and qualify for college credits. CTE students participate in career-related activities, internships, and work experience. CTE students obtain leadership, public speaking, and career planning skills. Most importantly, CTE students have higher graduation rate, attendance, and college going rates than the School District citywide averages.

Partnerships:
- Aramark • CityLife Church • Coded by Kids • Communities in Schools • ELECT Program • DHS Bethanna (CUA) • Drexel University’s Eat Right Philly • ELECT Program • Free Library of Philadelphia • Health Resource Center (Access Matters) • Inner Strength • Jefferson Hospital • LOMO • Migrant Education Program • Mural Arts of Philadelphia • Pathways to Justice • Penn Health Access Network • Philadelphia Academies • Project 440 • Southeast Philadelphia Collaborative • Sunrise of Philadelphia • Take the Lead Dance • The Future Project • Thomas Jefferson University • United Communities • VetLead • Wendy’s • WES

Extracurricular Activities:
- JROTC
- National Honor Society
- Southern Ink

Sports Teams:
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball—Girls’ & Boys’
- Bowling—Co-ed
- Cheerleading—Co-ed
- Cross-Country—Co-ed
- Football
- Lacrosse—Girls’ & Boys’
- Soccer Boys’
- Softball
- Track & Field—Co-ed
- Volleyball—Girls’ & Boys’