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# News Notes

## The School District of Philadelphia's Science Leadership Academy renewed as Apple Distinguished School

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The School District of Philadelphia's Science Leadership Academy (SLA) has been renewed for 2009-2010 as an Apple Distinguished School. The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for schools that have become centers of educational excellence and leadership, consistently demonstrating "best practice" qualities of a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment using Apple technology. SLA is one of 54 schools so recognized, nationwide, and one of five in Pennsylvania.

SLA, which initially received the Apple Distinguished Schools designation in 2008-2009, is a high school which provides a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum with a focus on science, technology, mathematics and entrepreneurship. It was cited by Apple for: its use of cutting edge technologies and project-based learning; its 1:1 program in which every student has a laptop computer; and its partnership with The Franklin Institute.

Respectfully,



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