

တၢ်လိာ်မုာ် ခဲလၢာ်!

Welcome, All!

Chào mừng tất cả!

¡TODOS BIENVENIDOS!

! تولو ته بنه راغلاست

! اهلا بكه جميعا

सबैलाई स्वागत छ!

အားလုံးကိုကြိုဆိုပါတယ်။!

Byenveni tout!

Karibou wotei



**School District of
Lancaster**



Together We Can

Welcome, All!

A message from superintendent Dr. Keith Miles



"Our schools are the cornerstone of a great community!"

Welcome all, to the School District of Lancaster! We are pleased to tell you more about everything that our school community has to offer.

Our district is a recognized leader in urban education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our experienced, innovative teachers and staff are among the very best and are deeply committed to student growth. Our 10,000 students are diverse and global. Six out of seven are students of color. Our students speak more than

innovative curricular and instructional models, award-winning arts programs, and the most comprehensive student support system in the region.

Our schools are the cornerstone of a great community. Lancaster City is known as a premier destination for its cultural, historical, and entertainment attractions and is ranked as one of America's "Best Places to Live."

Our mission is simple, "to ensure every child receives an excellent education," and we believe, "together, we can!"

Keith Miles Jr.

Discover SDoL

Our richly diverse community

The School District of Lancaster is located in a city filled with American history that celebrates its ethnic, cultural and religious diversity. Our schools benefit immensely from the wide variety of perspectives, backgrounds and cultures sent by our students.

We embrace equity, inclusion and global mindedness in our mission to prepare students for life in an interconnected world.



A welcoming, safe and student-centered culture

The School District of Lancaster believes in promoting and sustaining a positive school environment where all members feel welcomed, supported and safe in school: socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. That's why we embrace initiatives like Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), restorative practices and a School Resource Officer (SRO) program that allows local police officers to develop relationships with students and families.





International Baccalaureate

With such a diverse community, students in the School District of Lancaster naturally bring varied viewpoints to classroom conversations and beyond. The International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes in the School District of Lancaster embrace an international mindset that extends beyond our classroom doors into the greater Lancaster city community. SDoL is proud to offer the IB Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP) at McCaskey High School. McCaskey and the district's middle schools are authorized or candidates for the IB Middle Years Programme for grades 6-10.

Empowering creative digital learners

SDoL's vision is to empower creative digital learners. The district is fully one-to-one, meaning each student in grades kindergarten through 12 receives an iPad or other device for learning throughout the year. SDoL's instructional technology program aims to foster a digital-age learning culture, ensuring students have equitable access to digital resources and meet 21st century technology standards.

Our award-winning arts programs

We believe that the arts are an essential part of life, that they teach that there are many ways to see and interpret the world. SDoL has been annually named one of America's Best Communities for Music Education for more than a decade, and its music and stage productions have been celebrated across Pennsylvania. Located in a city known as an arts destination, students benefit from collaborations with professional artists and exhibit work in the city's many galleries and museums.



Cyber school—with a personal touch

The Cyber Pathways Academy is SDoL's online K-12 school which offers standards-aligned and rigorous courses of study to any student in the district. Cyber Pathways students are active SDoL students, which means they receive the same resources and benefits as students attending brick-and-mortar schools in the district. Students study online at home, but receive the added benefit of regular in-person meetings with academic advisors at one of the district's Cyber Hubs to help further their understanding of academic content, offer support through challenging assignments, and provide academic, study skills, and time management strategies.

Student services—because life happens outside of school

SDoL understands that families face challenges outside of school that can interfere with a child's academic progress. That's why we offer a host of wraparound services, from counselors and social workers to free meals and healthcare. The goal of all of these supports is to help students navigate life outside of school so they can do their very best in the classroom.

The region's most comprehensive student support system

SDoL provides an extensive range of educational services and supports for students, including learning support, emotional support, autistic support and life skills support. Children as young as age four are eligible for special education services and services can be provided to students up to the age of 21. The district also offers alternative programs for secondary students in need of comprehensive emotional support and students needing to recover credits at an accelerated pace.



School Facilities

SDoL's schools are a mix of historic architectural landmarks and new, modern buildings. The district is in the final phase of a four-phase master facilities plan to renovate or reconstruct all schools in the district. Recent projects have received national acclaim for their creative use of urban spaces and historic preservation. Classrooms in SDoL are equipped with modern digital equipment, including interactive smart boards and audio technology. The district also boasts multiple 500-plus seat auditoriums, state-of-the-art technical labs, television studios and more.



12

Elementary Schools

SDoL has 12 elementary schools serving students in grades K-5 and one school serving students K-8. In general, these are neighborhood schools with enrollments around 400 to give students an opportunity to build community and positive culture.

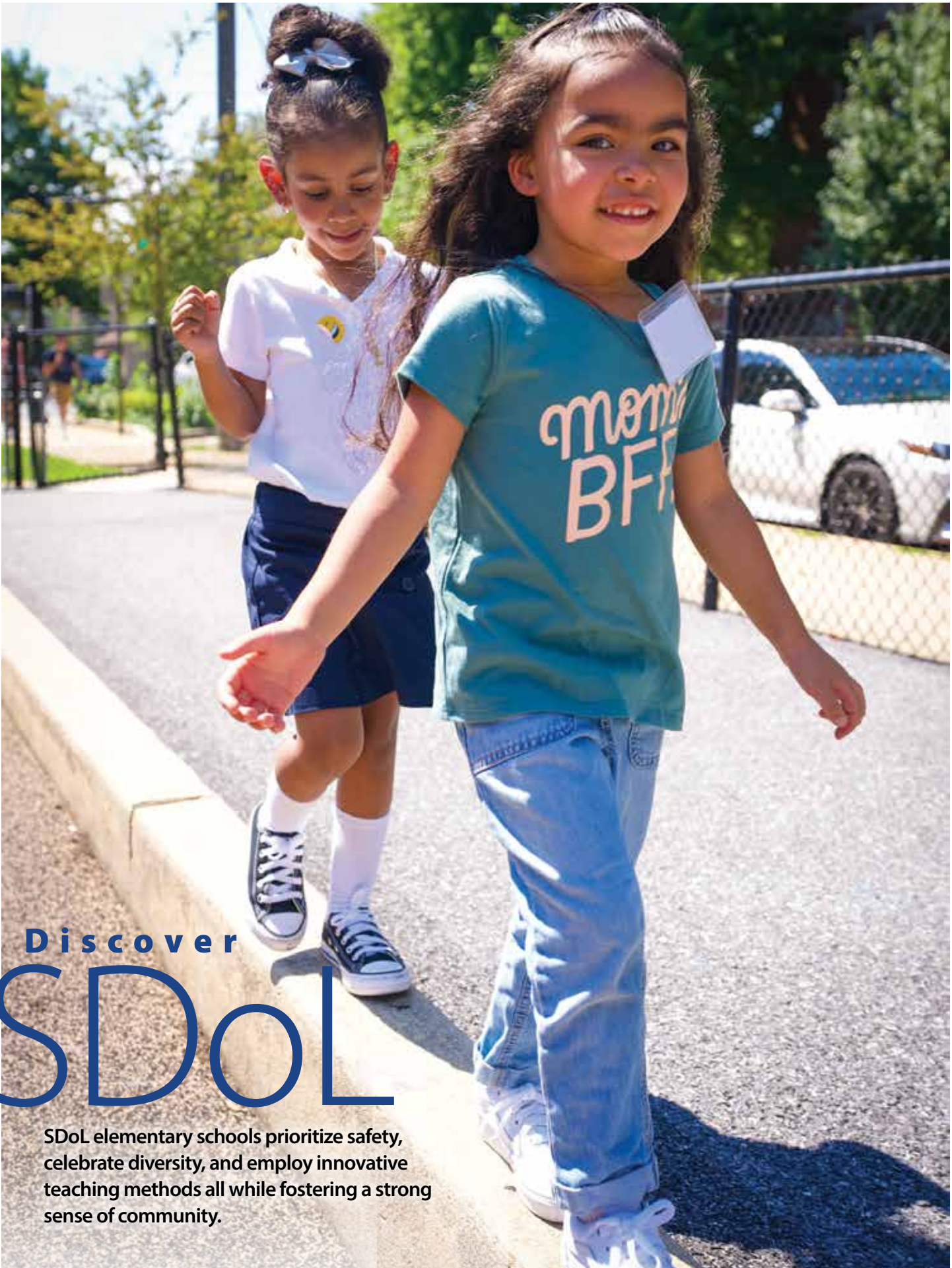
Pre-Kindergarten

For more than 30 years, SDoL has been committed to serving at-risk preschool aged children and their families in high quality, standards based early learning classrooms. The primary goal of our Pre-K program is to support the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional and physical development of children and to prepare them for the transition to Kindergarten. The Pre-K program is available to children who are 4 years old on, or before, September 1.

Respectful, responsible and safe

SDoL schools implement an initiative known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, or PBIS for short. At our schools we say, “Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.” At its heart, PBIS calls on schools to teach kids about behavior, just as they would teach about any other subject—like reading or math. PBIS recognizes that kids can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are. Elementary students receive rewards for demonstrating good behavior.





Discover
SDoL

SDoL elementary schools prioritize safety, celebrate diversity, and employ innovative teaching methods all while fostering a strong sense of community.

4

Middle Schools

SDoL has four middle schools serving students in grades 6-8 and one school serving students in K-8. The schools' curricula are based on the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme.

Relationship-centered approach to conflict resolution

We believe that people are happier, more cooperative, more productive, and more likely to make positive changes in behavior when those in position of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them. That's why SDoL takes a restorative approach to resolving conflict in schools. The aim of our restorative practices is to develop community among students and adults. Once a relationship is developed, we can manage conflict and tension by repairing harm and restoring relationships.

Immersive, hands-on learning

SDoL students enjoy some of the most immersive science experiences in the region. Our middle school students have the unique opportunity to experience science up close and personal at NorthBay, a 97-acre portion of Elk Neck State Park in Cecil County, MD. Sixth-grade students spend five days and four nights on the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed to participate in hands-on investigations focused on environmental education and character development. NorthBay teaches students that their attitudes and actions impact their future, their communities and the environment.

Future Ready Lancaster

Middle school gives students the opportunity to explore their interests and consider postsecondary pathways. Students make explicit connections between their coursework and the world of work, amplified by the district's Future Ready Lancaster curriculum and guided career exploration and reflection using the Xello software. Students visit college campuses, with all 7th grade students visiting Thaddeus Stevens and all 8th graders visiting Lancaster County Career and Technology Center.



Discover SDoL

Middle schools offer a robust education, supportive environment, diverse extracurricular activities, and a seamless transition to high school.



J.P. McCaskey High School

The McCaskey High School campus comprises two buildings, more than 2,700 students and one of the broadest academic programs in the Commonwealth. Offering the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Diploma, award-winning arts programs, extensive career training and more, McCaskey's vision is to set the standard for excellence in urban education.

Pathways

McCaskey High School students can choose one of three pathways: Humanities & Education, STEM, Business & Human Services. Students in each pathway have access to IB and AP courses, dual enrollment, career and technical programs and more.

IB Diploma Programme

The Diploma Programme is considered the most rigorous curricula in the world, making McCaskey the pinnacle for learning in SDoL. College credit is awarded to students who perform well on examinations that are scored internationally. McCaskey awards upwards of 40 IB Diplomas annually.

In all, the high school offers more than 30 IB courses open to any high school student.

IB Career-related Programme

The IB Career-related Programme prepares students for the workforce by using the fundamentals of the IB Programme's philosophy. Career-related Programme students develop characteristics of collaboration, critical thinking, and resilience. Students who receive this certificate are able to earn college credits that will help them complete their degree and/or certificate at vocational schools.

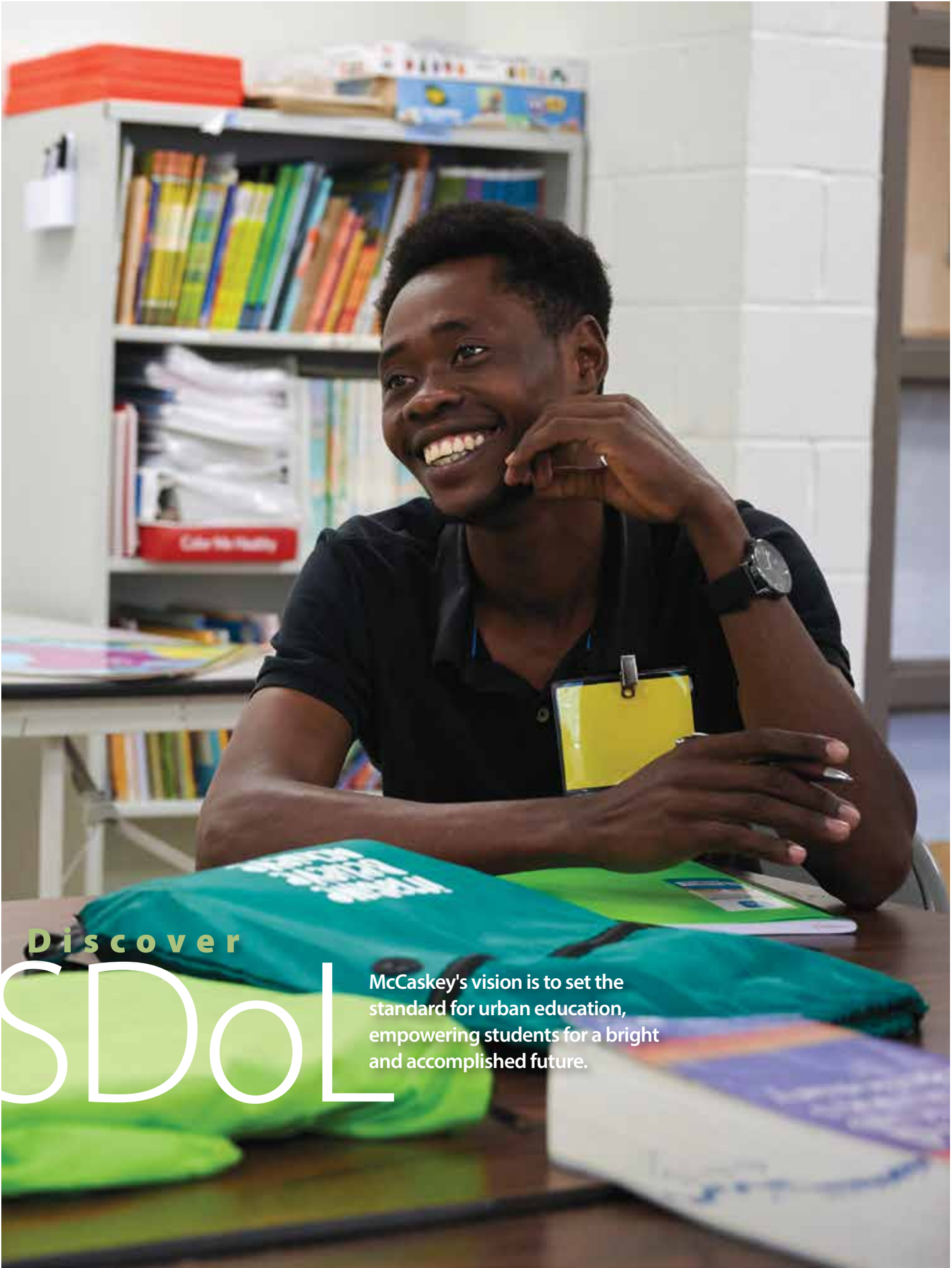
Dual Enrollment

McCaskey students get an early taste of college by taking Dual Enrollment classes, through which they earn college credit—at no charge. The district covers the cost of one course per semester for any qualifying student taken at the high school or, occasionally, on a nearby college campus. Students can also attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology as a freshman while also a senior in high school, also at no charge.



Career & Technical Education (CTE)

McCaskey offers the broadest range of workforce development training programs in the area. Students graduate ready for entry-level positions in the workforce—or enroll in college or technical training—as soon as they graduate from programs like accounting, building trades, cosmetology, early childhood education, electronics and health careers. Students earn industry certifications, participate in work-based learning and can be a part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-related Programme.



Discover
SDoL

McCaskey's vision is to set the standard for urban education, empowering students for a bright and accomplished future.

J.P. McCaskey High School



49
Sports
Teams
compete in 19
different sports.

Red Tornado Athletics

McCaskey's legendary sports program

has produced state champions, professional athletes and an Olympic gold medalist. Sports offered include football, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, field hockey, boys and girls tennis, track and field and wrestling, including the first PIAA-recognized girls wrestling program in Pennsylvania. Overall, 49 teams compete in 19 different sports, with an additional 19 teams in five sports at the middle school level.





Extracurricular Programs

McCaskey offers a broad range of co-curricular activities for all students. Various after-school clubs provide a wide variety of options and offer students extra learning opportunities in music, dance, theater, art, computers, gardens, robotics, chess, poetry, debate, Model UN, Mock Trial, Skills USA and many more.



Discover SDOL

Two meals a day—for all students

All enrolled students in the School District of Lancaster, regardless of income level, are eligible to receive a healthy school breakfast and school lunch at no charge each day. Our school meals offer students a variety of fresh and appealing foods based on USA dietary guidelines served by a team of dedicated professionals who make your children's health, well-being and ability to learn their top priorities.

A family-centered partnership

SDOL is dedicated to creating a supportive environment and partnership among our schools, families, and community. When we work together, students will be successful in and out of school. Are you interested in learning more about family engagement within the School District of Lancaster and how you can partner with your child's school? Reach out to us at Communications@SDLancaster.org.



**School District of
Lancaster**

Jobs that matter

Our employees enjoy a close-knit community of educators committed to excellence in urban education, a vibrant workplace that celebrates the arts and embraces culturally and academically enriching programs, a school district commitment to professional learning and career development for all employees, a comprehensive benefits package, including healthcare and retirement, and an inclusive community where all members are treated with dignity and respect.

Together, we are on a mission to create a more equitable school system that ensures every child in our community has the opportunity to succeed.



Welcome, All!



School District of
Lancaster

SDLancaster.org