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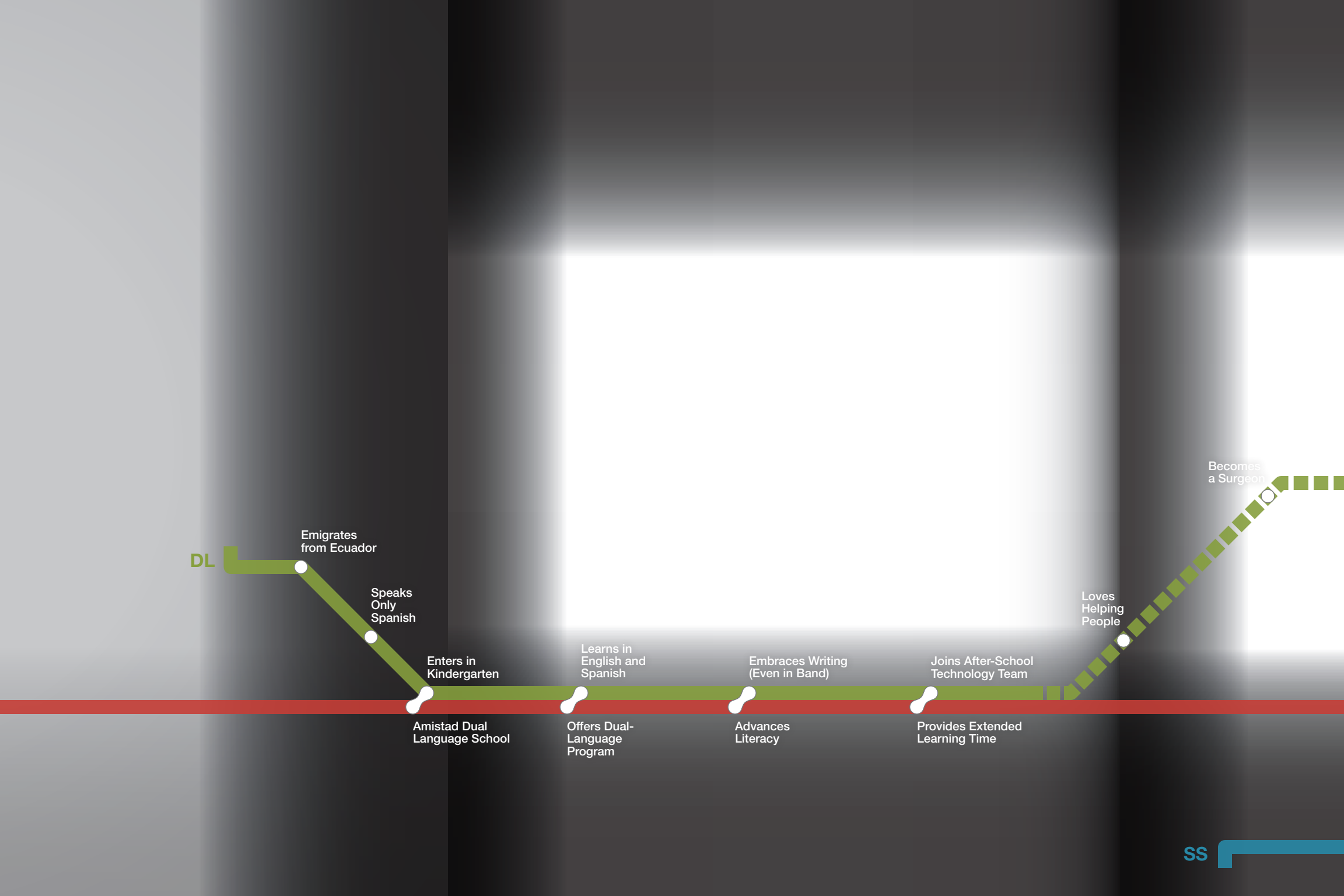
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Emigrates from Ecuador
Speaks Only Spanish
Enters in Kindergarten
Learns in English and Spanish
Embraces Writing (Even in Band)
Joins After-School Technology Team
Loves Helping People
Becomes a Surgeon
Amistad Dual Language School
Offers Dual-Language Program
Advances Literacy
Provides Extended Learning Time
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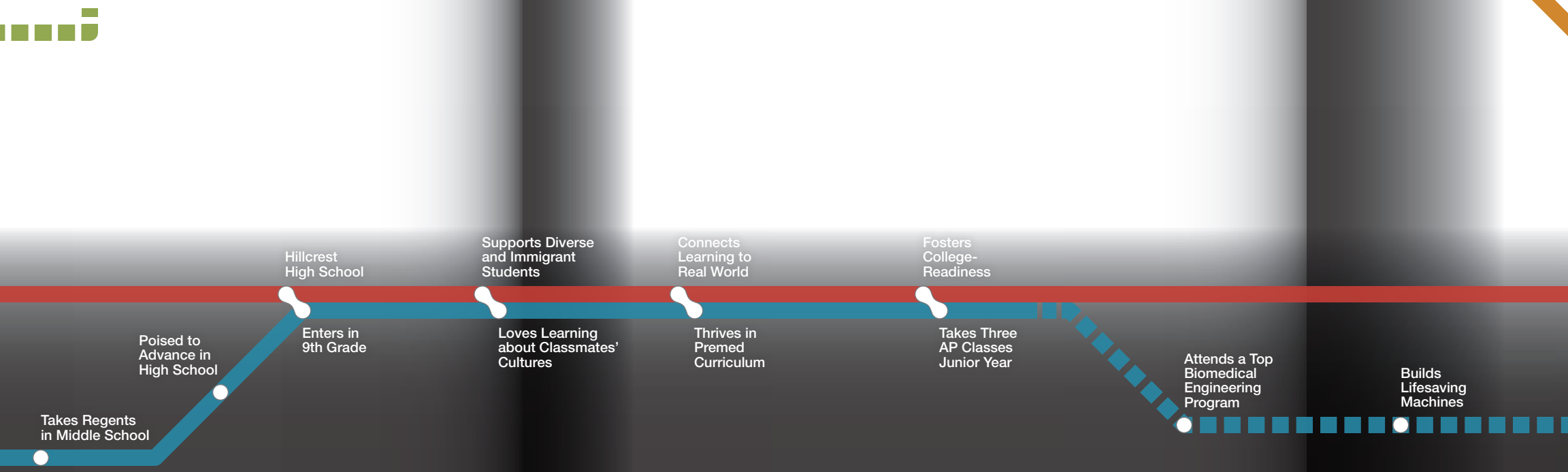
Focus

Sahib Shah & Hillcrest High School

Eleventh-grader Sahib Shah matched his interests and strengths — math and science — to potential careers and found his ideal future: biomedical engineering. By designing imaging equipment and other health care solutions, he will "build machines that are our future." Hillcrest is preparing him for success through rigorous Advanced Placement classes. Its seven "small learning communities" — schools within the school — connect students to the real world through curricula in thematic content areas, from business/technology to premed, humanities and public service.

A premed student, Sahib explores classes in physiology, genetics and human anatomy. "These give me knowledge in my field and prepare me for college," he says.

Hillcrest features street signs of prestigious colleges on every corridor. "New Visions helps us cultivate a college-going culture," says Steve Duch, the principal. "Every teacher is a resource to help students be college-ready." New Visions staff works closely with Hillcrest students and parents to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, which is especially vital to immigrant families who make up much of the school community, including Sahib's Indian Sikh family. "I want to follow my passion to a good college," says Sahib. Through college-level academics and access to college, New Visions high schools help create a future in which students — no matter their background — can achieve their dreams.