



**INFORMATION FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADE STUDENTS CLASS OF
2024**

King, Longfellow and Willard BUSD Students:

In February and March, a BHS administrator and Hive Lead will meet with all 8th grade students at their middle school to explain the Universal 9th Grade structure. **There will be NO evening information nights for parents of BUSD middle schools.** During that same week, BHS counselors will go to the middle schools to gather course requests from students via an online form. **BHS will mail home the student selections for final review and families/guardians will have one week to request changes by hardcopy to BHS.**

BUSD Student Course Selection (during the school day)

LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL: Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28, 2020

WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, 2020

KING MIDDLE SCHOOL: Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13, 2020

NEW TO BUSD STUDENTS ONLY

Course Selection: New-to-BUSD students who have completed the admission process by the December 20, 2019 deadline can make course requests in the BHS Library on the following three evenings from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Monday, February 24, 2020--- Last Name **A-L**

Monday, March 2, 2020--- Last Name **M-Z**

Monday, March 9, 2020--- **Makeup Session**

Please try to attend during your allotted time. If you cannot make your assigned night, we will accommodate you in one of the three sessions. **BHS will mail home the student selections for final review and families/guardians will have one week to request changes by hardcopy to BHS.**

WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST

BHS offers five world languages: Spanish, French, Kiswahili, Mandarin, and Latin.

The World Language Placement test will be offered on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 4:30 - 5:30 at BHS** in the M-Building. If you are unable to attend in May, we will also offer the placement test in August. Please email coryhenrickson@berkeley.net or denisefullerton@berkeley.net with questions.

- Students with little or no previous language experience are placed in level 1.
- Students who have completed two years of the same language in middle school will be placed in Level 2.
- If they would like to place into Level 3, you will need to take the placement exam.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST

The majority of BHS students will be placed in Math 1, a course covering algebra, geometry, probability, and statistics. Some students may test into an accelerated version of Math 1. The test will be comprised of topics and skills covered in 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade common core math. This means that previous coursework must include familiarity with both Algebra and Geometry topics.

- If you are **currently enrolled in BUSD** you will take the placement test at your school in April.
- If you are **new to BUSD** and are interested in taking the test for Advanced Math 1, you will come to BHS (date to be determined) in April.

The test will be approximately 1 hour. Additional time for students who receive accommodations will be provided. If you have an IEP/504 plan and need test accommodations please email your recent plan to Sumeyye Cardakli, Math Coordinator, sumeyyecardakli@berkeley.net. You may also email her for questions regarding math placement.

MULTILINGUAL PLACEMENT TEST

A Multilingual EL student, recently arrived in this country, is “less than reasonably fluent” or has a score of 1-3 on the ELPAC, is placed in the Multilingual Program. A student with an initial score of 4 is given the option to participate in the Multilingual Program or not. An EL student who has been here for more than 5 years can be in any of the learning communities, regardless of ELPAC level. Parents may also request a placement in or out of the Multilingual Program. Multilingual students gain one level every year on the ELPAC and some skip levels. A Multilingual who comes into BHS at ELPAC level 1/2 can stay longer at BHS and have a “fifth year” of high school to become more proficient in English.

STAY INFORMED

Stay informed on the BHS E-tree. The E-tree is an essential source of information about orientation, registration, school events, sports, Student Daily Bulletin, College Advisors’ Bulletin, messages from the Principal, volunteer opportunities, and more. Please watch for postings with the subject line: **Incoming Families**. To subscribe to the BHS E-tree, send an email to bhs-request@lmi.net with the word *subscribe* in the subject line.