

2019-2020 Profile

Berkeley High School, the city of Berkeley's only public high school, has more than 3,200 students in grades 9-12 with a senior class of over 800 students (Class of 2020). The Berkeley High School curriculum provides a wide range of rigorous courses, including honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes. The school's African-American Studies program, which recently celebrated 50 years, is a model for other high schools in the nation.

Berkeley High School reflects the ethnic, cultural, and demographic diversity of Berkeley's community. At least 10% of Berkeley High School students speak a primary language other than English and over 5% are classified second language learners. While many students live in areas where the household income exceeds \$80,000, almost 30% of Berkeley High students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Students at Berkeley High School have access to academic counselors, college advisors, an on-campus health center, and over 160 teachers. In addition, numerous community-based groups provide scholarship and grant monies to Berkeley High School students and teachers. Strong majority approval of the Berkeley Schools Excellence Project (BSEP) parcel tax is evidence of the broad community's support for its schools.

With more than 100 college preparatory classes available to its students, Berkeley High offers diverse courses including an extensive performing and visual arts curriculum, ROP courses in biotechnology, fire/forensic sciences, sports medicine, and media studies. Berkeley High School has five learning communities: Academic Choice (AC), Arts & Humanities (AHA), Academy of Medicine & Public Service (AMPS), Berkeley International High School (BIHS), and Communication Arts & Sciences (CAS). All schools support the schoolwide goal of providing a rigorous academic curriculum and a focus on social consciousness.

Grading

Berkeley High does not report individual rank in class, nor does it weight grades. The GPA calculation is based on all courses, including non-college preparatory classes such as physical education. Our grading system is as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

In order to fulfill the goal of educating all students at an advanced level, the smaller schools (AHA, AMPS, CAS) have de-emphasized advanced placement classes in favor of a highly demanding academic core curriculum. As a result, students in these schools typically have limited space to fit AP, IB, and Honors classes in their schedules.

Courses

Advanced Placement

American Government
Art History
Biology 1D, 2D
C++ 3 and 4
Chinese Language & Culture
Economics

Environmental Science
French Seminar
Government & Politics
Language and Composition
Latin VI-VIII
Literature & Composition : Music Theory
Physics 1 and C

Spanish Literature & Seminar
Statistics
Studio Art
United States History

Honors Courses

Advanced Theater Projects
Human Anatomy & Physiology 1D, 2D

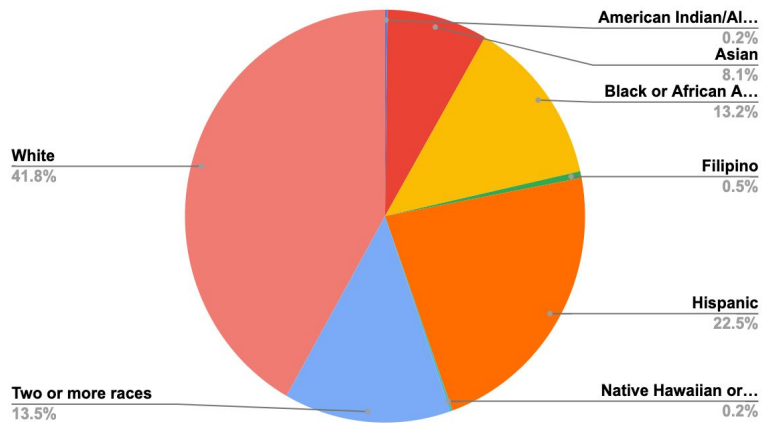
Chemistry SL
Computer Science SL, HL
Economics SL
Environmental Systems & Society SL
Film HL
French SL, HL
History HL
History of the Americas 2 HL

Latin SL, HL
Mandarin SL
Math Analysis SL
Math Studies SL
Music Theory SL, HL
Social & Cultural Anthropology SL
Spanish SL, HL
Studio Art SL, HL

IB Courses

Art History
Biology SL
Calculus AB

Demographic Information 2019-2020



Testing

For the Class of 2020

404 students took the SAT
281 students took the ACT.

For the SAT,

-355 met the current ELA benchmark
-284 met the current math benchmark

For the ACT,

-the average reading score was 26
-the average English score was 25
-the average math score was 24
-the average science score was 24

Advanced Placement Examination, May 2019

781 students took 1,418 AP exams

AP Scholars, Class of 2019

237 students scored 3 or higher on 3+ AP exams
96 were AP scholars with an average score of 3.44
58 were AP scholars with honors averaging 3.98
84 were AP scholars with distinction averaging 4.2
14 were National AP Scholars averaging 4.68

Advanced Placement Examination, May 2020

666 students took 1,421 AP exams

AP Scholars, Class of 2020

1: 48
2: 109
3: 146
4: 210
5: 153

National Merit-Class of 2020

12 Semi-Finalists, and 2 Finalists

IB Tests, Class of 2020

248 students took 710 IB exams

IB Diplomas, Class of 2020

60 IB Diploma candidates
55 IB Diploma recipients.
91% diploma pass rate

Activities

Athletics

Badminton (C)
Baseball (S)
Basketball (B & G)
Cheer (B & G)
Crew (B & G)
Cross Country (B & G)
Field Hockey (G)
Football (S)
Golf (B & G)
Keido Karate (Club Sport)
Lacrosse (B & G)
Mountain Biking (Club Sport)
Redhawks Women's Rugby (Club Sport)
Rhino Men's Rugby (Club Sport)
Sailing (Club Sport)
Soccer (B & G)
Softball (G)
Swimming/Diving (B & G)
Tennis (B & G)
Track and Field (B & G)
Ultimate Frisbee (Club Sport)
Volleyball (B & G)
Water Polo (B & G)
Wrestling (B & G)

(G) Girls, (B) Boys, (C) Coed, (S) Student
Berkeley High School, which has an extensive and competitive varsity sports program, belongs to the Western Alameda County Conference.

Productions

The drama, music, and dance departments (including Afro-Haitian Dance, modern dance, and Advanced Theater Projects) put on major productions each Fall and Spring. The Jazz Ensemble consistently places in the top three in West Coast competitions and regularly tours around the world. Our Music Department programs house a variety of classes and ensembles including: Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, Fundamentals of Woodwinds/Strings/Brass, Jazz Lab I/II, Jazz Ensemble, AP Music Theory, Music Perception & Analysis IB, Concert Chorale, and a Guitar Class (Beginner/Intermediate). The newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine have received national recognition. The school's newspaper, *The Jacket*, has won numerous awards including first place for the National Scholastic Press Association and Quill & Scroll.

School Clubs

There are more than seventy-five student organizations at Berkeley High School, all of which embody the spirit of advocacy, community service, and special interests. Among the active clubs on campus, some noteworthy ones include the American Red Cross Club, App Development, ARK (A Random Act of Kindness), APIC (Asian Pacific Islanders), Anti-Human Trafficking Club, Best Buddies, BHS Students Demand Action, Black Student Union, Students for Self-Advocacy, Gay-Straight Alliance, Girls Who Code, Homeless Support Team, Key Club, Model UN, Muslim Students' Association, Robotics Club, Speech & Debate, STEMInism, Students Supporting Planned Parenthood, and UNICEF. The school has a robust leadership program that includes over 120 students. In addition, it is part of the California Scholarship Federation and houses a chapter of the National Honor Society.

College Plan

Over ninety percent of the graduating Class of 2020 plan to attend college. Students from the Berkeley High School Class of 2020 will attend the following colleges:

Adelphi University	Fairhaven College at Western Washington University	Seattle University
Agnes Scott College	Fordham University	Skidmore College
American University	Fort Lewis College	Smith College
American University of Paris	George Washington	Sonoma State University
Amherst College	Georgetown	Spelman College
Arizona State University	Georgia Tech	Stanford University
Bard College	Glendale Community College	Swarthmore College
Barnard College	Grambling State University	The University of Arizona
Beloit College	Harvard University	The University of Edinburgh
Berklee College of Music	Hawaii Pacific University	Tufts University
Berkeley City College	Howard University	Tuskegee University
Boston College	Humboldt State University	United States Air Force Academy
Boston University	Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute	University of Arizona
Brandeis University	Johnson and Wales University	University of British Columbia
Brown University	Laguna College of Art and Design	University of California, Berkeley
Bryn Mawr College	Laney College	University of California, Davis
Cabrillo College	Lawrence University	University of California, Irvine
California State, Chico	Le Moyne College	University of California, Los Angeles
California Lutheran University	Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Merced
California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo	Los Medanos College	University of California, Riverside
Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Loyola Marymount University	University of California, San Diego
California State University, East Bay	Macalester College	University of California, San Francisco
California State University, Humboldt	Make School	University of California, Santa Barbara
California State University, Long Beach	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Monterey Bay	McGill University	University of Chicago
California State University, Northridge	Merritt College	University of Florida
Carleton College	Morehouse College	University of Hamburg
Carnegie Mellon University	Mt. Holyoke College	University of Miami
Chabot College	New York University	University of Michigan
Chapman University	Northeastern University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Cincinnati College of Music	Northwestern University	University of Nevada, Reno
City College of San Francisco	Oberlin College	University of Oregon
Claremont McKenna College	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	University of the Pacific, Fiji
Clark University	Occidental College	University of Pennsylvania
Clark Atlanta University	Ohlone College	University of Puget Sound
College of Alameda	Olin College	University of Southern California
College of San Mateo	Ontario College of Art and Design	University of Southern California
College of the Atlantic	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Toronto
College of the Redwoods	Penn State	University of Vermont
College of William and Mary	Pitzer College	University of Washington
Colorado College	Pomona College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Colorado University of Boulder	Princeton University	University of York
Colorado School of Mines	Reed College	Tulane University
Columbia College of Chicago	Rhodes College	Vassar College
Columbia University	Rice University	Warren Wilson College
Concordia University	Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp	Washington University
Connecticut College	Rutgers University	Wellesley College
Contra Costa College	Saint Mary's College of California	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University	Sacramento State University	Wesleyan University
De Anza College	San Diego State University	Western Washington University
DePaul University	San Francisco State University	Whitman College
Diablo Valley College	San Jose State University	Whittier College
Dillard University	San Joaquin Delta College	Willamette University
Dominican University of California	Santa Barbara City College	Williams College
Drexel University	Santa Monica City College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Emerson College	Sarah Lawrence College	Xavier University of Louisiana
Emory University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Yale University
Evergreen State University	Scripps College	