



## INFORMATION FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADE STUDENTS CLASS OF 2026

Here is the 2021 - 2022 [Course Catalog](#) to give you a preview of classes available for 9th grade students.

### Longfellow, King and Willard Students

In February and March, a BHS administrator and Hive Lead will meet with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at their middle school to explain the Universal 9<sup>th</sup> Grade structure. During that same week, BHS counselors will go to the middle schools to gather course requests from students via an online form. **BHS will email the student selections for final review and families/guardians will have one week to request changes using an online form.**

#### **BUSD Student Course Selection (during the school day)**

**LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Week of February 21, 2022

**WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Week of February 28, 2022

**KING MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Week of March 7, 2022

### NEW TO BUSD STUDENTS ONLY

**Course Selection:** New-to-BUSD students who have completed the admission process by the December 20, 2020 deadline can make course requests on the following two afternoons from **4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Monday, March 14, 2022--- **Non-BUSD & students returning from ISP / BTA**

Monday, March 21, 2022--- **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 email 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 **April 23, 2022 9:30 - 12:00**. If you are unable to attend in April, we will also offer the placement test in August. Please email [susilopez@berkeley.net](mailto:susilopez@berkeley.net) or [denisefullerton@berkeley.net](mailto: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 consist 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 in April.
- If you are **new to BUSD** and are interested in taking the test for Advanced Math 1 will take the placement test in April.

The test will be approximately 1 hour. Additional time for students who receive accommodations will be provided.

## 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.

## ATHLETICS

**Do you plan to play sports at Berkeley High? Here is a preview of what is happening in our Athletic Department:**

Please find up-to-date information on our Berkeley High Athletics [website](#).

**Cheerleading tryouts are in the Spring! If you are interested, go to the Cheer page on the BHS athletic website to stay updated.**

Go [here](#) if you need to register for athletics, [here](#) if you need a physical form for your doctor to complete, and [here](#) if you are looking for information on club sports.

## 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](mailto:bhs-request@lmi.net) with the word ***subscribe*** in the subject line.