

THE COLLEGE CENTER, D221
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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FAMILY

What you can find in the College Center –

- Catalogues for specific colleges
- Guides to colleges across the United States
- Information on college majors
- Test-review manuals
- SAT and ACT registration materials
- California Scholarship Federation and Honor Society registration forms (grades 10-12)
- College presentations (grade 12 in the fall, grades 11 and 12 in the spring)
- Financial aid information
- Scholarship information
- Lists of useful websites
- Internet access for exploring colleges
- Information on applying to the UCs, CSUs, and colleges using the Common Application
- A calendar of colleges which will visit Berkeley High School
- Sign-up sheets for appointments with the College Advisor
- Sign-up sheets for attending college presentations and college workshops
- Information about support services such as the Educational Guidance Center, Early Academic Outreach Program and test-preparation services
- Help from the College Advisor during one-on-one appointments, group meetings, or drop-ins during lunch and after school
- A place to meet with your friends, read a favorite book, or study!

Helpful web sites

- University of California – www.ucop.edu/pathways. Information on all UC campuses.
- California State University – www.csumentor.edu. Information on all CSU campuses. Matching assistant helps you locate the campuses that are a good fit for you.
- California colleges – www.californiacolleges.edu. Search all public and private colleges in California based on location, major and other variables.
- List of "SAT Optional" Colleges – www.fairtest.org/optinit.htm
- What Can I Do With a Major in ...? www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/.
- Fast Web – www.fastweb.com. Search among the over 600,000 scholarships available.
- Colleges of Distinction - www.collegesofdistinction.com. Small colleges that provide an excellent education.
- College Search - www.collegesearch.org. Information on colleges by state and major.
- HBCU Mentor – www.hbcumentor.org/ Online connection to America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. HBCUMentor provides career and college planning information, and a matching assistant to help you find colleges that meet your criteria.
- Black Excel – www.blackexcel.org/. Great site for information on black colleges and college scholarships.

TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR SUCCESS ~ AT BERKELEY HIGH AND BEYOND

Do your very best in all your classes.

Make sure that you have a good attendance record.

Find a place at home, at school, or in the public library where you can study regularly.

Check out the many extra-curricular activities that Berkeley High has to offer. There are activities for all students, including sports, drama, journalism, debate, leadership, political and community service groups, to name just a few. These are a wonderful way to meet other students, explore your interests, and demonstrate that you do more than study. School is a lot more satisfying when you are involved!

Always use your organizer so that you don't forget to do your assignments on time, and you don't miss appointments. Most adults with busy schedules use organizers - you should too!

Plan your 4-year BHS academic schedule. You will do this with the help of your ninth-grade core teachers.

Make sure that you are on track in fulfilling the *a-g* University of California/California State University requirements (these requirements are typical for most four-year colleges). For example, you will need to take at least 3 years of college-prep math (**through Algebra II**), 4 years of college-prep English, 2 years of a foreign language, one year of visual/performing arts, **all with a grade of C or better - D's do not count!** Most colleges do not recognize D's as passing grades. For example, if you have a D in one of your 8 semesters of English, you must take another English class. If you have a D in American Government or World History, you will probably have to repeat that class, as these are specific course requirements. Your BHS Course Catalogue will provide you with more information. It will also tell you that the school code (CEEB code) is **050290**, and it provides in detail the required courses for the University of California and the Cal State University system.

Next summer, if you don't have a job or family obligations, you should explore your interests or take classes. If you take a course at a community college, and it is transferable to the UC system, you can add an extra point (as long as you have received a C or better) when you apply to a UC. Volunteering is a great way to explore possible career choices.

Listen to the bulletin! There is no other effective way for us to communicate with almost 3,000 students on a daily basis.

Subscribe to the Berkeley High e-tree. Send an e-mail to bhs-request@idiom.com with **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject. You will receive daily information including the Daily Bulletin and the College Bulletin.

Pick up materials in D221 on how to use Internet for obtaining information on colleges and scholarships.

Don't forget that the best way to improve your vocabulary is by **READING** (limit your time watching television, playing computer games, and talking on the telephone)!

Questions? See me in D221 (or contact me at 644-6804 or IAbrams@berkeley.k12.ca.us).

You can also check out catalogs, videos, and college guides.