

## Berkeley Unified School District: Key Acronyms & Terms

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**AC:** Academic Choice - *one of the two big schools at BHS*

**ASI:** Academic Support Index – *a measure of various factors that may affect students' academic performance*

**ADA:** Average Daily Attendance – *the average number of pupils actually attending classes for at least the minimum school day.*

**AHA:** Arts and Humanities Academy - *one of four small schools at BHS*

**Alive and Free:** *Program designed to keep young people alive and free, unharmed by violence and free from incarceration.*

**AMPS:** Academy of Medicine and Public Service – *one of four small schools at BHS*

**AP:** Advanced Placement – *program consisting of college-level courses in 31 subject areas*

**API:** Academic Performance Index – *a measurement of a school's academic performance and progress.*

**AVID:** Advancement via Individual Determination – *philosophy and program that directs academic and social support and contributes to increasing AP class enrollment and postsecondary education for "students in the middle"*

**AYP:** Adequate Yearly Progress - *federal standard for schools under NCLB*

**BAESC:** Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee – *Board Advisory Committee on arts education in the District*

**BAF:** Berkeley Athletics Fund

**BALSA:** Berkeley Advanced Learner Support and Advocacy Community – *organization founded in 2012 as a response to changes in*

**CAHSEE:** California High School Exit Exam –  
*tests grades 10-12*

**CAS:** Communication Arts and Science – *one of  
the four small schools at BHS*

**Categorical Aid:** *Funds from the state or*

**High School Bridge:** *Provides year round academic support and case management for 30 targeted students per grade 9-12*

**IB:** International Baccalaureate, aka BIHS – *program/certificate offered by one of the two big schools at BHS*

**IEP:** Individualized Education Plan – *addresses students with learning challenges*

**Intervention Coordinator:** *Ensures that high risk students are provided intensive academic and behavioral support through individual student case management. Guides the work of Student Support Advisors.*

**LCAP:** Local Control and Accountability Plan – *a plan and budget adopted by a school district that reflects goals and specific actions, based on the 8 state priorities outlined in the LCFF legislation, as well as any locally adopted priorities*

**LCFF:** Local Control Funding Formula – *California's new school finance model for allocation of state funding to local school districts.*

**LEARNS:** Links Enrichment, Academics, and Recreation to the Needs of the Students - *BUSD after-school programs*

**Literacy Coach:** *Provides reading recovery for the lowest performing first graders, small group intervention for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>*

*academic/behavioral intervention at the group or individual level providing assistance to students with difficulty learning*

**SARB:** School Attendance Review Board

**SBA:** Smarter Balanced Assessment – *testing aligned to Common Core*

**SBAC:** Superintendent’s Budget Advisory Committee

**SGC:** School Governance Council (K-8)

**SLC:** Smaller Learning Communities – *schools*