

We Need You on School Committees!

BHS PTSA

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) at Berkeley High is committed to providing collaborative opportunities for members of the school community to work together to change things for the better. Attend the September PTSA meeting to find out more, vote and volunteer.

The most effective committees - the ones that have the most positive impact on both school climate and student achievement - are diverse and representative of the whole community. Bring your unique perspective to one of these groups of parent leaders, who work with students, teachers, staff and administrators to strengthen the school for all.

Contact: Orlando Williams orlandow@ymail.com

School Site Council (SSC)

This elected committee reviews Berkeley High's educational programs and student achievement data, and supports the development and updating of the school-wide Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), which is part of the accreditation process at the high school. In addition to monitoring the Plan, the SSC approves the School Safety and the BSEP Site Plans.

Meets once (sometimes twice) a month on a Tuesday at 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Contact: Jana Jandra janajandra@berkeley.net

BHS BSEP Site Committee

Parents elected to this committee have a role in allocating site funds that come from the local Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) Measure A. The committee reviews the programs that currently receive funding and considers proposals for funding new programs that support student achievement and school goals. Meets once (sometimes twice) a month on a Monday, 4:30-6:30 pm. Contact: Jana Jandra janajandra@berkeley.net

ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee)

This committee advises school staff on programs and services for English Learners, and makes recommendations to the SGC regarding funds used to improve the achievement of English language learners. At many sites, this group is also responsible for instituting cultural events and broadening community outreach.

Contact: Tamara Friedman tamarafriedman@berkeley.net

DELAC (District English Learner Advisory Committee)

Each school's ELAC has the opportunity to elect at least one member to the DELAC, which advises the district on programs and services for English Learners. DELAC members also represents English Learner students and families in the plans to expend state funds under the new Local Control Funding Formula.

Contact: Ann Marie Callegari anncallegari@berkeley.net

BSEP P&O (Planning & Oversight) Committee

If you are interested in how BSEP dollars are spent district-wide, become one of your school's BSEP Planning & Oversight (P&O) Committee members. Learn how BSEP keeps class sizes smaller, supports our teachers, and through this Measure, provides for school libraries, music and visual arts programs, technology and a site-determined wish list.

Contact: Valerie Tay valerietay@berkeley.net

BAF (Berkeley High School Athletic Fund)

For many students, athletics is the reason they attend school every day. If you are passionate about supporting sports at BHS, join this group of volunteers who do everything from mentoring athletes to fundraising and stuffing envelopes. The volunteers come from all walks of life and welcome new members at their monthly meetings.

Contact: Cindy Chang cjchang@berkeley.edu

BHSDG (Berkeley High School Development Group)

Founded in 1991, this group of parent volunteers has taken on the fundraising role of a PTA by forming a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and works to "support and strengthen the educational experience of all BHS students by raising and distributing funds to enhance academic and other projects." Meetings are once a month and are open to all.

Contact: Carole Ungvarsky csu@att.net

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)

The PAC is a forum for parents to provide input for the school district's plan for state funds under the new Local Control Funding Formula. These funds are allocated by the state in a formula which counts each district's proportion of English Learners, students who qualify for free and reduced price meals, and foster children.

The role of the PAC is to review and comment on a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Contact Pat Saddler patriciasaddler@berkeley.net

In addition to the committees listed, here are some key resources:

Parent Resource Center

BHS Main Building, 2nd Floor

Contact: Irma Parker irmaparker@berkeley.net

Parent Volunteer Office

Contact: Lisa Sibony lisasibony@berkeley.net

BHS E-Tree Volunteers

BHS-owner@lmi.net

Parents of Children of African Descent (PCAD)

Contact: Laura Babitt lbabitt@yahoo.com

Chicano Latino Academic Social Success (CLASS)

Contact: Lupe Gallegos lupeg@berkeley.edu

Getting to Know BSEP: Dinner & Workshop October 22, 2015, 5-8 pm, Malcolm X Elementary

For School Governance Councils (SGCs), English Learner Advisory Committees (ELACs), Parent Advisory Committees (PACs), and PTA Leadership

Tentative Agenda

5:00 Orientation7:00 How BSEP Works5:30 Dinner7:15 BSEP Budget Exercise6:00 Superintendent's Welcome7:45 Closing Remarks

6:15 BUSD Educational Priorities