

Berkeley Independent Study

A K-12 BUSD Public School Program

WELCOME TO THE APPLICATION

Submitting this application is the first step you take toward being considered a candidate for Berkeley Independent Study (BIS), but it **does not guarantee enrollment**. Please fill out this application completely.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BIS is a program of Berkeley High School, and offers an academically rigorous alternative to the typical classroom environment. Students must be self-motivated and organized to succeed at BIS.



You must complete this application, **ATTACH** all required documents to it, and return it to the BIS office to apply. **STAY ENROLLED** and in school elsewhere until you are **officially** accepted & enrolled at BIS.

Student transferring from outside of BUSD need to start the process at the BUSD Admissions Office at 2020 Bonar first.

Students must be first accepted into the district before they can transfer into BIS.

Students new to the district must attach transcripts from their previous school(s), attendance records, and discipline records to this application.

Students transferring from BHS do not need to attach any documents

Please email bis@berkeley.net with any questions. The BIS/BTA Office is located at 2701 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, on the corner of Derby and MLK. The main gate is the Derby gate. Please drop off applications during the school year at the office. Office hours are 9am - 4pm.

STUDENT

First Name	Last Name
Grade	Date of Birth
Street Address	
City & Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Email

PARENT/GUARDIAN

First Name	Last Name
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Email

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WHEN DO YOU WANT TO START AT BIS

When would you like to enroll in BIS? *School Year:*

Quarter:

YOUR CURRENT SCHOOL

Name of school where you are now enrolled		
Last Date of Attendance	Current GPA	Current # of high school credits
Counselor Name	Teacher Name (<i>K-8 Only</i>)	

OTHER ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS YOU PARTICIPATED IN

<input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley Technology Academy
<input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley High
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

SPECIAL EDUCATION –

Unless the student's IEP currently calls for Independent Study as the academic placement, they will not be found eligible. Therefore, families must follow BUSD procedures to have the IEP modified to include Berkeley Independent Study as the recommended placement if a student wishes to transfer to the BIS program.

Please contact the BHS manager for Special Education, Susannah Bell at susannahbell@berkeley.net to set up a IEP meeting to discuss placement. Please invite the BIS principal or counselor to the IEP placement meeting as well. Email bis@berkeley.net with questions.

ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE

Do you think attendance problems affected your grades? Yes No
Have you had a SART/SARB meeting regarding attendance? Yes No

If there are disciplinary proceedings regarding you at the school you last attended, briefly describe them:

IN ADDITION

Describe any other circumstances that affect your life: (*pregnancy/child care, other family needs, probation, personal health/safety issues, medical concerns, financial or other personal responsibilities, etc.*)

PLANNING AND TIME MANAGAEMENT

Describe where you would study and complete 10 hours of homework per class each week if you were accepted into BIS: (for grade 9-12) or 20-25 hours total each week (for K-8) if you were accepted into BIS:

SIGNATURES

I agree that I have provided all of the information requested for this application, and the information I provided is complete and correct,

Student Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date:* _____