

# AN IMPORTANT DECISION AWAITS YOUR 9TH GRADE SCHOLAR

## PLAN TODAY FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION INTO THE BHS SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES (SLC)

Your student will soon transition from their Universal 9th Grade hive into a **Smaller Learning Community (SLC)** where they will spend the 10th through 12th grades.

**This transition is a key step in your scholar's educational journey!**

The SLCs are designed to provide a personalized and supportive learning experience, tailored to the interests, needs, and aspirations of each student. Benefits include:

- **Culturally Relevant Education**
- **Mentorship Opportunities**
- **College & Career Readiness**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Identity Affirmation**

...and more



**FOLLOW THESE 5 STEPS AND  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH  
THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**

## STEP 1: GET FAMILIAR WITH THE SLCs

Information sessions begin on January 31st. Learn about the 5 Smaller Learning Communities by following the links below.

### What are Berkeley High's 5 Smaller Learning Communities?



**Academic Choice (AC)**: College prep, critical thinking & research skills, project-based learning, & more



**Arts & Humanities Academy (AHA)**: Interdisciplinary projects, arts & activism, internships, & more



**Academy of Medicine & Public Service (AMPS)**: Community service, internships, professional networking, & more



**Berkeley International High School (BIHS)**: Global perspective, identity, social movements, & more



**Communication Arts & Sciences (CAS)**: Digital media skills, tech literacy, senior thesis, & more

## STEP 2: MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Review these dates with your scholar. Take advantage of the dedicated information sessions to help make this important decision!

Date	Activity
Wednesday, January 31st	<b>ASSEMBLIES</b> throughout the day provide 9th grade students with information about each SLC (one each period)
After January 31st	9th grade students have the opportunity to <b>MEET WITH COUNSELORS AND TEACHERS</b> to learn about the SLCs
Thursday, February 8th	<b>OPEN HOUSE:</b> Each SLC showcases student work and describes their community
February 12th-23rd	9th grade students <b>RANK AND SUBMIT</b> their SLC choices to their counselor (2 week window)

## STEP 3: DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH YOUR SCHOLAR

Which Smaller Learning Community is right for your student? Discuss their interests, strengths, and preferences with them. Additionally, consider your student's learning style and needs, and how each SLC may or may not align with them.



## STEP 4: HEAR FROM FACULTY AND OTHER STUDENTS

In addition to attending the information sessions and office hours with BHS faculty outlined in the calendar above, you can check out an informative video from students and teachers sharing experiences and tips about their SLCs.



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<https://vimeo.com/788453226>

