

Berkeley Unified School District : Key Acronyms & Terms

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 collegelevel 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

