

Please note that the following information is for **guidance only**. Please check with the relevant school district for the precise rules and procedures.

Enrollment in Elementary and Middle School – step by step:

1. Find out in which BUSD-zone your child will attend school (zone depends on your Berkeley address, please see link below).
2. Fill out Parent Preference Form at Berkeley Unified School District Office, 2020 Bonar Street.
3. Submit the Parent Preference Form along with:
 - The birth certificate of your child (official translation necessary if the birth certificate is in a language other than English);
 - Your original invitation letter from the Simons Institute;
 - A copy of your rental or lease agreement for your Berkeley address;
 - A letter from the Simons Institute confirming your Berkeley address (please contact Visitor Services Coordinator Uta Lorenzen to request this letter: uta@berkeley.edu);
4. Register at your assigned school. You must bring:
 - Your child's school report (English translation if necessary);
 - Vaccination record (Polio, DPT, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, chicken pox, please check Berkeley School District's website for details).
 - If your child is entering Kindergarten or first grade, you must also bring a California Health and Disability Prevent form signed by a physician and an oral health assessment form signed by a dental professional (both of these forms are available at the Berkeley Unified School District Office at 2020 Bonar Street or can be obtained from the Visitor Services Coordinator Uta Lorenzen).

Enrollment at Berkeley High School (BHS) – step by step:

1. Contact Administrative Assistant Belinda McDaniel at 510-644-4800.
2. Complete BHS registration package (available at BHS).
3. Submit the BHS registration package at the Berkeley Unified School District Office, 2020 Bonar Street and bring along the following documents:
 - The birth certificate of your child (official translation necessary if the birth certificate is in a language other than English);
 - Your original invitation letter from the Simons Institute;
 - A copy of your rental or lease agreement for your Berkeley address;
 - A letter from the Simons Institute confirming your Berkeley address (please contact Visitor Services Coordinator Uta Lorenzen to request this letter: uta@berkeley.edu);
 - Your child's school report (English translation if necessary);
 - Vaccination record (Polio, DPT, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, chicken pox).

Do you have questions about the enrollment process? Contact the Berkeley Unified School District at Admissions@berkeley.k12.ca.us or +1-510-644-6504. If you live in the Albany Unified School District, please contact the district office at +1-510-558-3750. If you live in the West Contra Costa School District (Kensington, El Cerrito, etc.), please contact the district office at 510-231-1100. Please note that the school district cannot take incomplete forms, documents by fax, mail or e-mail.

BERKELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- BUSD Zones for Elementary and Middle Schools:
<http://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/berkeley-school-admissions/find-your-busd-zone/>
- Enrollment <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/berkeley-school-admissions/enrollment-faq/>

Childcare and Schools in Berkeley.

Berkeley School District Independent Study

In the K-8 independent study program, parents/guardians accompany students to weekly 90-minute meetings with teachers. Assignments adhere to state curriculum standards while accommodating students' interests and abilities. BIS provides instructional materials, and tutoring is available.

<http://www.berkeleyschools.net/schools/independent-study/>

Other Resources for parents:

Resources for International Families – International Office UC Berkeley:

internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/childcare_schools

UC endorsed Childcare Referral Agency: bananasinc.org

Early Childhood Education Program, UC Berkeley: housing.berkeley.edu/child/

Kindergarten in California: cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderinfo.asp

School Reviews (Berkeley Parents Network):

Public: parents.berkeley.edu/recommend/schools/

Private: parents.berkeley.edu/recommend/schools/private.html