



# 2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

## About Ben Lippen

In 1940, Columbia International University founded a Christian high school in Asheville, North Carolina. It was named Ben Lippen, a Scottish Phrase meaning "Mountain of Trust." In 1988, Ben Lippen School moved to Columbia, SC. Today, it has more than 1,150 students enrolled in Pre-K through 12th grade. Ben Lippen High School is an independent, rigorous college preparatory program which includes Honors, AP, Dual Credit, and a diverse selection of electives and co-curricular activities. This culturally rich student body is taught by a strong faculty, most of whom hold advanced degrees. To prepare students to lead and work in the 21st century, the Biblically-permeated curriculum incorporates critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaborative skills.

## Mission Statement

Ben Lippen School seeks to glorify God by educating students from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ and by assisting the family and church in equipping students spiritually, academically, socially and physically under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Within a culturally diverse learning community, Ben Lippen prepares young adults to be stewards of the gifts God has given them in preparation for the calling of God in their lives. The students are trained as independent Christian scholars who seek God, love people, demonstrate a zeal for learning, think analytically, and communicate effectively.

## School Distinctives

### Admissions

Admissions to Ben Lippen School is selective, and based on a student's previous academic performance, recommendations, personal attributes, and an admissions interview. Applications for enrollment can be accessed online at [www.benlippen.com](http://www.benlippen.com).

### Class Rank

Ben Lippen utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy, however, Ben Lippen does not rank students. It is our belief that rank neither provides a valid measure of performance nor offers a true distinction between members of a highly talented class. We do offer other data that should assist in the evaluation of performance. We humbly ask that admissions staff take into consideration the rigor of curriculum at Ben Lippen as evidenced by class statistics and college matriculations.

### AP Courses

Ninth and tenth grade students are able to take 1 AP course; Eleventh & Twelfth grade students may take multiple AP courses. Students are admitted based on grades and recommendations. All AP students are required to take the AP exam.

### Dual Credit

Ben Lippen is affiliated with Columbia International University and students are able to take entry-level CIU courses beginning in tenth grade. Only CIU courses are accepted for dual credit.

### Diploma Distinctions

- **Honors:** represents high academic achievement and a commitment to excellence; student must graduate with at least a 4.5 GPA; a minimum of 12 honors, AP and Dual Credit classes; complete an additional year of lab science, world language and either math or English; and earn a total of 28 high school credits.
- **Leadership:** participation in student leadership for at least 3 years at Ben Lippen
- **Sports:** member of the same varsity team for at least 3 years at Ben Lippen
- **Fine Arts:** participation in at least 6 semesters of fine arts courses and/or production
- **Innovation:** complete at least 2 years of a STEM course sequence and complete a Capstone course

## Class of 2023

### GPA Distribution

Quartile	Range	Mean
Top	4.86-5.41	5.06
2nd	4.59-4.83	4.69
3rd	3.91-4.58	4.3
4th	2.35-3.9	3.43

### Test Scores

	SAT	ACT
Top 25%	1331	29
Class of 2023	1152	23.9
National Avg (2022)	1105	20.7

### AP Scores

Students enrolled in AP courses	124
Exams Administered	204
AP Students with scores of "3" or higher	84
AP pass rate	82%

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## Accreditation

- Council on Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA)
- Cognia (formerly AdvancED)
- Small Boarding School Association (SBSA)

## At a Glance

100% College Acceptance Rate

415 High School Students  
including a Senior Class of 110

In the last 5 years Ben Lippen has had:

8 National Merit Finalists

6 National Merit Commended Students

49 Palmetto Fellows

## Student Activities

- Band
- Choir
- Discipleship
- Film Club
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Team
- Student Ambassador

- Student Leadership
- Theater
- Yearbook
- YoungLife

## Athletic Programs

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bass Fishing
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Football
- Golf
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Sporting Clays
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

# CEEB Code 410-501

Bible	1-4	Social Science	4	Physical Education	1
English	4	Foreign Language	2	Public Speaking	0.5
Mathematics	4	Fine Arts	2	Electives	0.5-3
Lab Science	3	Technology	1		

**Total Number of Credits: 26**  
**Community Service Hours: 20**

## Curriculum

<p><b>Bible</b>          Old Testament          New Testament          Christian Theology          Philosophy &amp; Ethics          Doctrines/Ecclesiology          Ethics/Apologetics</p> <p><b>English</b>          English Fundamentals (CP,H)          Variety of Literature-Specific Courses (CP,H)          AP English Language          AP English Literature          Composition and Research (Dual Credit)          Literature and Research (Dual Credit)</p> <p><b>Math</b>          Algebra 1 (CP)          Algebra 2 (CP,H)          Geometry (CP,H)          Trigonometry &amp; Discrete Math (CP)          Statistical Reasoning (CP)          Pre-Calculus (H)          AP Calculus AB          AP Statistics          Intro to Statistics (Dual Credit)          College Algebra (Dual Credit)          Business Calculus (Dual Credit)</p>	<p><b>Social Science</b>          Human Geography (CP)          AP Human Geography          History of Religion (CP)          History of Film (CP)          World History (CP,H)          US History (CP,H)          Government (CP,H)          Economics (CP,H)          AP European History          AP US History          AP Government</p> <p><b>Technology</b>          Programming Fundamentals (CP)          Computer Science Principles (CP)          Engineering Principles (CP)          Robotics Fundamentals (CP)          Computer Vision and Machine Learning          Graphic Design (Dual Credit)          Advanced Robotics</p> <p><b>Electives</b>          Public Speaking (CP)          Innovations Capstone (CP)          Health Science 1 (CP)          Health Science 2 (CP)          CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant)          Aeronautics</p>	<p><b>Fine Arts</b>          Choir (CP)          Drawing (CP)          2-D Art (CP)          AP 2-D Art          3-D Art (CP)          AP 3-D Art          Theater (CP)          Guitar 1, 2, 3, 4 (CP, H)          Bluegrass Band (H)          Band (CP)          Photography (CP)          Music Appreciation (Dual Credit)          Music Theory (Dual Credit)</p> <p><b>World Languages</b>          Spanish 1, 2, 3 (CP, H, Dual Credit)          French 1, 2, 3 (CP, H, Dual Credit)</p> <p><b>Lab Science</b>          Earth Science (CP)          Biology (CP, H, AP)          Chemistry (CP, H, AP)          AP Physics 1          Marine Biology (CP)          Environmental Science (CP)          Forensics (H)          Genetics (H)          Anatomy &amp; Physiology (H)</p>
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## Recent College Acceptances

American University	East Carolina University	Mount Holyoke College	University of California
Anderson University	East Tennessee State University	New York Film Academy	University of Chicago
Appalachian State University	Elon University	New York University	University of Cincinnati
Arizona State University	Florida State University	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Connecticut
Arkansas Baptist College	Francis Marion University	North Carolina State University	University of Delaware
Auburn University	Furman University	North Greenville University	University of Georgia
Averett University	Gardner-Web University	Northeastern University	University of Houston
Barry University	Geneva College	Ohio State University	University of Illinois
Baylor University	George Washington University	Rhodes College	University of San Francisco
Belmont University	Georgetown College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Kansas
Belmont Abbey College	Grand Canyon University	Pratt Institute	University of Kentucky
Berklee College of Music	Hampton University	Presbyterian College	University of Massachusetts
Berry College	Hawaii Pacific University	Purdue University	University of Miami
Birmingham Southern	High Point University	Quincy University	University of Minnesota
Boston University	Indiana University	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Boyce College	Iona College	Roanoke College	University of North Carolina
Campbell University	Iowa State University	Rutgers University	University of Northern Colorado
Catawba College	James Madison University	Samford University	University of the Pacific
Cedarville University	Johnson & Wales University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of San Francisco
Central Michigan University	King University	Seton Hall University	University of South Carolina
Chapman University	Lander University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of South Florida
Charleston Southern University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Southern Methodist University	University of Sydney
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Lee University	Stetson University	University of Tampa
Clemson University	Liberty University	Stony Brook University	University of Tennessee
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola Marymount University	Taylor University	University of Texas
Coker University	Manhattan College	Texas Christian University	University of Utah
College of Charleston	Mercer University	The College of Wooster	University of Virginia
Columbia International University	Messiah College	The New School	University of Washington
Columbia University in the City of New York	Methodist University	Toronto Metropolitan University	University of Wisconsin
Covenant College	Miami University - Oxford	Truett McConnell University	Virginia Tech
Dennison University	Michigan State University	Tulane University	Washington State University
DePaul University	Midlands Technical College	Tuskegee University	Western Carolina University
DePauw University	Mississippi State University	United States Military Academy West Point	Westmont College
Drexel University	Montreat College	University of Alabama	Winthrop University
			Wofford College