



2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

Ben Lippen School
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Accreditation

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

100% College Acceptance Rate

453 High School Students
including a Senior Class of 95

In the last 5 years Ben Lippen has had:

12 National Merit Finalists

7 National Merit Commended Students

51 Palmetto Fellows

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 1,178 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.

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 can take three AP courses; 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 can 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 2024

GPA Distribution

Quartile	Range	Mean
Top	4.68-5.34	4.92
2nd	4.32-4.68	4.49
3rd	3.74-4.31	4.07
4th	2.26-3.72	3.23

Test Scores

	SAT	ACT
Top 25%	1361	28.8
Class of 2024	1129	21.2
National Avg (2024)	1024	19.6

AP Scores

Students enrolled in AP courses	114
Exams Administered	173
AP Students with scores of "3" or higher	146
AP pass rate	84%

Student Activities

- Band
- Choir
- Discipleship
- Film Club
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Team
- Student Ambassador
- Student Leadership
- Theater
- Yearbook
- Young Life

Athletic Programs

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

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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: 30

Curriculum

Bible

Progress of Redemption
Life of Christ
Variety of Bible-Specific Courses
New Testament Survey (Dual Credit)
Old Testament Survey (Dual Credit)
Worldview Capstone

English

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)

Math

Algebra 1 (CP)
Algebra 2(CP,H)
Geometry (CP,H)
Trigonometry (CP)
Algebra 3 (CP)
Statistical Reasoning (CP)
Precalculus (H)
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
Intro to Statistics (Dual Credit)
College Algebra (Dual Credit)

Social Science

Human Geography (CP)
AP Human Geography
World History (CP, H)
Introduction to World History (Dual Credit)
US History (CP, H)
Government(CP,H)
Economics(CP,H)
AP European History
AP US History
AP Government

Technology

Programming Fundamentals (CP)
Computer Science Principles (CP)
Engineering Principles (CP)
Robotics Fundamentals (CP)
Computer Vision and Machine Learning(H)
Advanced Robotics

Electives

Public Speaking (CP)
Health Science 1 (CP)
Health Science 2 (CP)
CNA(Certified Nursing Assistant)
Aviation (H)
Journalism (CP)
Internship

Fine Arts

2-D Art (CP)
AP 2-D Art (CP)
3-D Art (CP)
AP 3-D Art
Drawing (CP)
Photography (CP)
Yearbook
Music Appreciation (Dual Credit)
Choir (CP, H)
Worship Arts (H)
Guitar 1, 2, 3, 4 (CP, H)
Band (CP, H)
Orchestra (CP)
Bluegrass Band (H)

World Languages

Spanish 1, 2, 3 (CP, H, Dual Credit)
French 1, 2, 3 (CP, H, Dual Credit)

Lab Science

Earth Science (CP)
Biology (CP, H, AP)
Chemistry (CP, H, AP)
AP Physics 1
Marine Biology (CP)
Environmental Science (CP, Dual Credit)
Forensics (H)
Genetics (H)
Anatomy & Physiology (H)

College Acceptances

American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Arkansas Baptist College
Auburn University
Averett University
Barry University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Belmont Abbey College
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Birmingham Southern
Boston University
Boyce College
Campbell University
Catawba College
Cedarville University
Central Michigan University
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel Military College
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coker University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Columbia International University
Columbia University
Covenant College
Dennison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University

East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Florida State University
Francis Marion University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Geneva College
George Washington University
Georgetown College
Grand Canyon University
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Indiana University
Iona College
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
King University
Lander University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lee University
Liberty University
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan College
Mercer University
Messiah College
Methodist University
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Midlands Technical College
Mississippi State University
Montreat College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Vernon University

Murray State University
New York Film Academy
New York University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma City University
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Quincy University
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rutgers University
Samford University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Southern Wesleyan University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Taylor University
Texas Christian University
The College of William and Mary
The College of Wooster
The New School
Toronto Metropolitan University
Truett McConnell University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
United States Military Academy West Point

University of Alabama
University of California
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Illinois
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina
University of Northern Colorado
University of the Pacific
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Sydney
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
Western Carolina University
Westmont College
Winthrop University
Wofford College