

THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

BEN LIPPEN ARTS ACADEMY



The Fine Arts Department is excited to offer private lessons in music, acting, and visual art during the 2025-2026 school year!

Questions?

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Registration + Schedule

- Students register for private lessons on a semester basis. Students who study privately during the Fall 2025 Semester must re-register to study privately during the Spring 2026 Semester.
- Each semester will include 15 lessons. Each lesson will be 30 minutes.
- Arts Academy tuition of \$624 per semester will be charged to each student's FACTS account.
- Fall Semester 2025 lessons will take place between August 25 and December 12.
- Spring Semester 2026 lessons will take place between January 12 and May 15.
- Registered students will be assigned a weekly private lesson at one of the following times. Scheduling is subject to change at the discretion of Ben Lippen School.
 - Lower School—Recess, Electives Class, After School
 - Middle School—Study Hall, Morning Break, Afternoon Break, Flight Group, Music Class, Art Class, After School
 - High School—Falcon Success Time, Family Group, Music Class, Art Class, After School

Attendance Expectations

- If a student misses his/her private lesson due to an instructor absence or school closure, the instructor will communicate with the student's parent to schedule a make-up lesson.
- If a student will miss his/her private lesson due to a pre-planned absence, the student's parent should provide 24-hour notice to the student's private lesson instructor. The instructor will schedule a make-up lesson for the student if the instructor's schedule permits.
- If a student misses his/her private lesson without communicating to the instructor, the instructor will not schedule a make-up lesson.
- Private lessons are a semester-long commitment. Students who drop out of lessons before the conclusion of the semester will be billed for the full semester.

Private Music Lessons

- Students registered for private music lessons must have access to their private lesson instrument at home.
- Students are expected to practice at home in preparation for their lessons.
- Students are expected to purchase any lesson materials recommended by the instructor.
- Students may be invited to perform in a Christmas Recital on December 15, 2025.
- Individual studios may offer off-campus performances in Spring 2026.
- Programs of Study
 - Piano—open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Lessons take place at all three campuses.
 - Violin—open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Lessons take place at all three campuses.
 - Viola—open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Lessons take place at all three campuses.
 - Cello—open to students in grades 1 through 12. Lessons take place at all three campuses.
 - Double Bass—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at all three campuses.
 - Guitar—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.

- Banjo—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Mandolin—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Ukulele—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Bass Guitar—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Drums—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus and the St. Andrews Road campus.
- Voice—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Trumpet—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Trombone—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Euphonium—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Tuba—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Flute—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Clarinet—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
- Saxophone—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.

Private Acting Lessons

- The acting instructor will reach out to each student's parent with specific requirements and recommended materials for private lessons.
- Students are expected to purchase any lesson materials recommended by the instructor.
- Program of Study
 - Acting—open to students in grades 3 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.

Private Art Lessons

- Programs of Study
 - Classical Art Making—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
 - The classical approach for art education is the focus on studying the masters. Classical French, Italian, and Russian schools focus on technique, master copy, still life, and anatomy drawing. In this track, students will build a better foundation in drawing and other mediums. Students will be able to construct an image and sight draw with an improved level of realism in their work.
 - Recommended Materials
 - [Basic drawing kit](#) that includes value pencils, charcoal pencils, kneaded eraser, white plastic eraser, blending stump, and hand-held pencil sharpener
 - [Side wire bound 9"x12" sketchbook](#) with 80+ pages and 65+lb paper
 - Unlock Your Creativity—open to students in grades 5 through 12. Lessons take place at the Monticello Road campus.
 - What is style? How do I design a character? These are a few of the questions that will be explored in this track. A variety of creative challenges will be used to help unlock creativity. Students will learn how to adapt reference photos stylistically, gesture drawing, and the importance of mixed media exploration. In addition to creative thinking, students will learn about design rules and focus on improving their compositions.
 - Recommended Materials
 - [Micron pen variety pack](#) including fine point, brush tip, and chisel tip
 - [Watercolor paint travel set](#) including a variety of colors and easy transportation ability
 - [Side wire bound 9"x12" sketchbook with 100lb. paper](#) that is designed for mixed media or watercolor