



# BEN LIPPEN

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2025

### ABOUT BEN LIPPEN

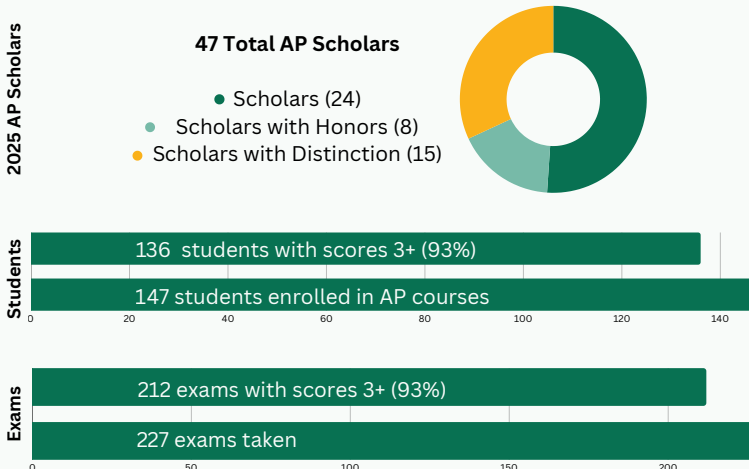
In 1940, Columbia International University founded a Christian high school in Asheville, North Carolina. It was named Ben Lippen, a Scottish Phrase meaning "Mountain of Trust." In 1988, Ben Lippen School moved to Columbia, South Carolina. Today, it has more than 1,200 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. Ben Lippen High School is an independent, rigorous academic program that includes College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit (DC), and a diverse selection of electives and co-curricular activities. To prepare students to lead and work in the 21st century, the biblically permeated curriculum incorporates critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaborative skills. This culturally rich student body is taught by a strong faculty, most of whom hold advanced degrees.

Admission to Ben Lippen School is selective and considers a student's academic record, recommendations, personal qualities, and an admissions interview. Applications for enrollment can be accessed online at [www.benlippen.com](http://www.benlippen.com).

Ben Lippen is affiliated with Columbia International University (CIU). Students can take entry-level CIU courses beginning in their sophomore year.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Enrollment in Advanced Placement coursework is typically reserved for juniors and seniors with the exception of AP Human Geography, AP European History, and AP Seminar. Students are admitted based on grades and teacher recommendations. All AP students are required to take the AP exam associated with the course.



### 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 use the gifts God has given them with wisdom and purpose, ready to pursue His calling for their lives. Students are trained as independent Christian scholars who seek God, love people, demonstrate a zeal for learning, think analytically, and communicate effectively.

### AT A GLANCE



25  
Athletic  
Programs



13  
Musical  
Performances  
Yearly



451  
High School  
Students



3 Campuses  
150 Acres

### ACCREDITATION

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

### CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Ben Lippen School is a rigorous academic program aimed at preparing students for university-level coursework. Given the school's high academic standards, it is essential to recognize the challenging nature of all classes when reviewing a Ben Lippen School transcript. Courses at both College Preparatory (CP) and advanced levels (Honors or AP) are demanding in quality, content, and structure. Enrollment in College Preparatory (CP) courses reflects a commitment to academic rigor and does not indicate a lower level of challenge.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Discipleship
- Guitar Club
- Film Club
- FCA
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Team
- Student Ambassador
- Student Leadership
- Theater
- Yearbook
- YoungLife

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### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete four credits in Bible, four credits in English, four credits in Mathematics, four credits in Social Science, and three credits in Lab Science. Students are also required to complete two credits of Foreign Language, two credits of Fine Arts, one credit of Technology, one credit of Physical Education, and a half credit of Public Speaking.

Beginning with the freshman class of 2023/24, students are required to complete a half credit of Personal Finance.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 26 credits for graduation.

### DIPLOMA DISTINCTIONS

#### Honors

Represents high academic achievement and a commitment to excellence. Students must:

- Graduate with at least a 4.5 GPA
- Complete a minimum of 12 Honors, AP, or DC classes
- Complete an additional year of Lab Science, Foreign Language, and either Math or English
- Earn a total of 28 high school credits

#### Leadership

Students must participate in student leadership for at least 3 years at Ben Lippen.

#### Sports

Students must be members of the same varsity team for at least 3 years at Ben Lippen.

#### Fine Arts

Students must participate in at least 6 semesters of Fine Arts courses and/or productions at Ben Lippen.

#### Certified Nursing Program

Students must have successfully completed the 3 required courses and received official certification.

#### Aviation

Students must have successfully completed the program, including passing the Ground Instruction Test.

### CLASS OF 2025

In the last five years:



100%  
College  
Acceptance



2025  
in the  
Senior Class



5  
National  
Merit  
Finalists



9  
National  
Merit  
Commended



59  
Palmetto  
Fellows

### GPA DISTRIBUTION

	RANGE	MEAN
TOP 25 %	5.32 - 4.75	4.96
2ND	4.74 - 4.37	4.60
3RD	4.37 - 3.87	4.15
4TH	3.85 - 2.83	3.46

### TEST SCORES\*

	SAT	ACT
TOP 25% AVG.	1361	28.8
CLASS AVG.	1129	21.2
NAT. AVG.	1024	19.6

\*scores noted above are for the 2024 school year

### GPA/CLASS RANK

Ben Lippen utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale. Grades are weighted according to the level of class: Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit (DC), Honors (H), or College Preparatory (CP).

The academic year is comprised of two semesters. Transcripts are updated in December and June at the conclusion of each semester.

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.

**DR. BEN PORTER**, Head of School  
**DR. MAX RUSSELL**, High School Principal  
**MRS. TARA MITCHELL**, High School Assistant Principal  
**MRS. JESSICA CAPPS**, Director of College Counseling  
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	College Preparatory (CP)	Honors (H)	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)
<b>Bible</b>	Progress of Redemption* Life of Christ* Variety of Bible-Specific Classes*	Worldview Capstone*		Old Testament New Testament
<b>English</b>	English Fundamentals Variety of Literature-Specific Courses*	World Literature Variety of Literature-Specific Courses*	AP Seminar AP English Language AP English Literature	Composition & Research Literature & Research
<b>Math</b>	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Algebra 3* Trigonometry* Statistical Reasoning	Algebra 2 Geometry Precalculus	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics	Intro to Statistics College Algebra Business Calculus
<b>Social Science</b>	Human Geography World History United States History Government* Economics*	Human Geography World History United States History Government* Economics*	AP Human Geography AP European History AP US History AP Government	Psychology
<b>Lab Science</b>	Biology Chemistry Earth Science Environmental Science* Marine Science*	Biology Chemistry Anatomy & Physiology Genetics* Forensics*	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1	Environmental Science
<b>Technology</b>	Computer Science Principles Programming Fundamentals Engineering Principles Robotics I Robotics II	Robotics III Robotics IV Computer Vision & Machine Learning		
<b>World Languages</b>	Spanish 1, 2 French 1, 2	Spanish 3 French 3		Spanish 1, 2 French 1, 2
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Band Orchestra Choir Photography Art Fundamentals	2D Art 3D Art Guitar 1, 2 Band Choir Guitar 3, 4 Worship Arts Bluegrass Band	AP Drawing AP 2D Art AP 3D Art	Music Appreciation
<b>Physical Education</b>	Physical Education Weight Training*			
<b>Electives</b>	Personal Finance* Public Speaking* Health Science 1* & 2* Internship*	Aviation* CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant)		<i>*denotes semester course</i>

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University  
Anderson University  
Appalachian State University  
Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Ball State University  
Barry University  
Baylor University  
Bryant University  
Belmont University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Berklee College of Music  
Berry College  
Bob Jones University  
Boyce College  
Campbell University  
Carson Newman University  
Case Western Reserve 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  
Contra Costa College  
Covenant College  
Davidson College  
Dayton State University  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
East Carolina University  
East Tennessee State University  
Elon University  
Erskine College  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Francis Marion University  
Furman University  
Gardner-Webb University  
Geneva College  
George Washington University  
Georgetown College  
Greensboro College  
Hampton University  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Houghton University  
Indiana University  
IE University  
Iona College  
Iowa State University  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kansas State University  
Kent State University  
King University  
Lander University  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Lee University  
Liberty University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Manhattan College  
Marquette University  
Mercer University  
Messiah College  
Methodist University  
Miami University- Oxford  
Michigan State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Midlands Technical College  
Mississippi State University  
Missouri University of Science & Tech  
Missouri State University  
Montreat College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount Vernon Nazarene University  
Murray State University  
Newberry College  
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  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics  
Pratt Institute  
Presbyterian College  
Purdue University  
Queense University  
Rhodes College  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Roanoke College  
Rutgers University  
Samford University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Seton Hall University  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Southeastern Esthetics Institute  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Wesleyan University  
Spartanburg Methodist College  
Stetson University  
Stony Brook University  
Taccoa Falls College  
Taylor University  
Texas Christian University  
The College of William and Mary  
The College of Wooster  
The New School  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
Tri-County Technical College  
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 Dayton  
University of Delaware  
University of Georgia  
University of Houston  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
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 North Carolina Pembroke  
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 Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
Waseda University  
Washington University  
Western Carolina University  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College  
Xavier University