

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 2026-2027 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 2026 Semester must re-register to study privately during the Spring 2027 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 at the beginning of each semester
- Fall Semester 2026 lessons will take place between August 24 and December 11.
- Spring Semester 2027 lessons will take place between January 11 and May 14.
- 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's 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 will miss his/her private lesson due to a pre-planned sports-related 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 the conflict is recurring, the instructor will work with the parent to find a mutually agreeable alternative lesson time.
- If a student misses his/her private lesson without communicating with 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 14, 2026.
- Individual studios may offer off-campus performances in Spring 2027.
- 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 kindergarten through 12th. Lessons take place at all three campuses.

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

Private Art Lessons

- **Programs of Study:** Programs are open to students in grades 3–12th. Lessons will take place on Monticello Road campus.
 - **2-Dimensional Design:** This program builds skills in drawing and painting through a range of traditional media. Students learn key foundational concepts such as proportion and composition, begin with a skill assessment, and progress at their own pace.

- **Focus Areas:** Graphite, Charcoal, Pen & Ink Work, Colored Pencil (Prismacolor), Acrylic Painting, and Watercolor Painting
- **Required Materials:** 9x12 multimedia sketchbook, minimum 100 lb weight

Note: Some materials may vary by focus area.

- **Ceramics:** This program teaches clay techniques through hand-building, with wheel throwing available for advanced students. Students build skills through hands-on practice and guided progression.
 - **Focus Areas:** Hand-Building Fundamentals, Wheel Throwing (advanced), and Glazing & Finishing
 - **Required Materials:** Box of clay

Note: Kiln access and glazing materials are provided by the academy.

- **Digital Drawing (Procreate):** This program teaches digital art skills using Procreate. Students learn core tools first, then develop skills in a chosen area of interest.
 - **Focus Areas:** Procreate Fundamentals, Figure Drawing, Anime Art. Character Design & Development, Digital Painting Techniques
 - **Required Materials:** iPad with storage for projects, Apple Pencil, Procreate app
- **Photography:** This program introduces students to DSLR camera operation, photographic composition, and post-processing using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. Students begin with foundational camera and editing skills, then progress through increasing skill levels as they build confidence and technique.
 - **Focus Areas:** DSLR Fundamentals, Composition & Framing, Lighting Techniques, Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop Basics
 - **Required Materials:** SD card (minimum 32GB)

Note: Personal DSLR camera encouraged but not required. Academy provides DSLR cameras for students without one.