



BEN LIPPEN

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026

ABOUT BEN LIPPEN

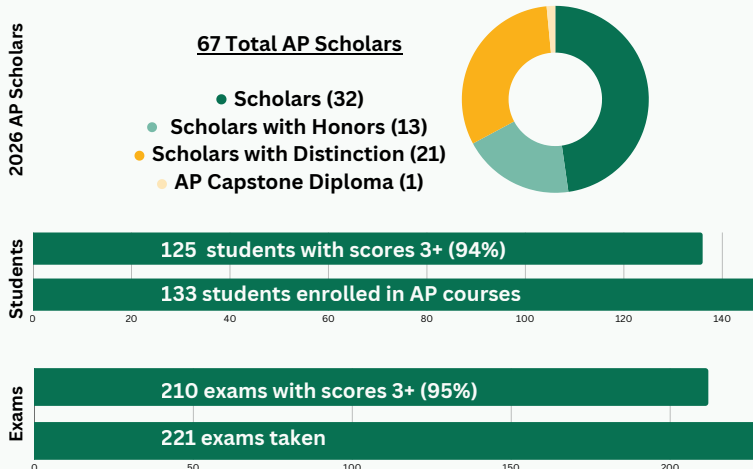
In 1940, Columbia International University founded a Christian high school in Asheville, North Carolina. It was named Ben Lippen, a Scottish Phrase meaning "Mountain of Trust." In 1988, Ben Lippen School moved to Columbia, South Carolina. Today, it has more than 1,100 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten 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.

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



458
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/Worship Arts
- Guitar/Bluegrass
- Discipleship
- FCA
- HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)
- National Arts Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Robotics Team
- Student Ambassador
- Student Leadership
- Theater
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- 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, a half credit of Public Speaking, and 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 cumulative final SCUGP GPA
- Earn at least 15 credits classified as Honors, Advanced Placement, or Dual Credit
- Take a minimum of two Advanced Placement courses

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 2026

In the last five years:



100%
College
Acceptance



2026
111
in the
Senior Class



5
National
Merit
Finalists



9
National
Merit
Commended



55
Palmetto
Fellows

GPA DISTRIBUTION

QUARTILE	RANGE	MEAN
TOP 25 %	5.26 - 4.75	4.94
2ND	4.74 - 4.45	4.62
3RD	4.41 - 3.99	4.22
4TH	3.97 - 2.45	3.54

TEST SCORES

	SAT	ACT
TOP 25% AVG.	1436	26.1
CLASS AVG.	1162	24.0
NAT. AVG.*	1029	19.4

*National average scores noted above are for the Class of 2025

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

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	College Preparatory (CP)	Honors (H)	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)
Bible	Progress of Redemption* Life of Christ* Variety of Bible-Specific Classes*	Worldview Capstone*		Old Testament New Testament
English	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
Math	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
Social Science	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 & Politics	Psychology
Lab Science	Biology Chemistry Earth Science Environmental Science* Marine Science*	Biology Chemistry Anatomy & Physiology Genetics* Forensics*	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 1	Environmental Science
Technology	Computer Science Principles Programming Fundamentals Engineering Principles Robotics I Robotics II	Robotics III Robotics IV		
World Languages	Spanish 1, 2 French 1, 2	Spanish 3 French 3		Spanish 1, 2 French 1, 2
Fine Arts	Band Orchestra Choir Digital Drawing Art Fundamentals	2D Art 3D Art Guitar 1, 2 Photography Yearbook	Band Choir Guitar 3, 4 Worship Arts Bluegrass Band	AP Drawing AP 2D Art AP 3D Art
Physical Education	Physical Education Weight Training* Sports Participation			
Electives	Personal Finance* Public Speaking* Health Science Nurse Aide Pathway* Life Skills 1* & 2* Internship* Student Leadership Seminar	Aviation* CNA I, II, & III (Certified Nursing Assistant)	AP Research	

**denotes semester course*

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University in Bulgaria	IE University	Southern Methodist University
Anderson University	Iona College	Southern Wesleyan University
Appalachian State University	Iowa State University	Spartanburg Methodist College
Arizona State University	Jacksonville University	Stetson University
Auburn University	James Madison University	Stony Brook University
Barry University	Johnson & Wales University	Texas Christian University
Baylor University	Kansas State University	Texas State University
Belmont University	Kent State University	Texas Tech University
Belmont Abbey College	King University	The College of William and Mary
Berklee College of Music	Lander University	The Ohio State University
Berry College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Toronto Metropolitan University
Bob Jones University	Lee University	Tri-County Technical College
Campbell University	Liberty University	Tulane University
Carson Newman University	Louisiana State University	Tuskegee University
Case Western Reserve University	Loyola Marymount University	United States Air Force Academy
Catawba College	Manhattan College	United States Military Academy West Point
Cedarville University	Marquette University	University of Alabama
Central Michigan University	Mercer University	University of California
Chapman University	Messiah College	University of Chicago
Charleston Southern University	Methodist University	University of Cincinnati
Citadel Military College	Miami University- Oxford	University of Connecticut
Clemson University	Michigan State University	University of Dayton
Coastal Carolina University	Middle Tennessee State University	University of Delaware
Coker University	Midlands Technical College	University of Florida
College of Charleston	Mississippi State University	University of Georgia
College of William & Mary	Missouri University of Science & Tech	University of Houston
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Missouri State University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Columbia International University	Montreat College	University of Kansas
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Kentucky
Contra Costa College	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	University of Maine
Covenant College	Murray State University	University of Maryland
Davidson College	Newberry College	University of Massachusetts
Dayton State University	New York Film Academy	University of Miami
Drexel University	New York University	University of Michigan
Duke University	North Carolina A& T State University	University of Minnesota
Duquesne University	North Carolina State University	University of Mississippi
East Carolina University	North Greenville University	University of North Carolina
East Tennessee State University	Northeastern University	University of North Carolina Pembroke
Elon University	Ohio State University	University of Oklahoma
Emmanuel University	Oregon State University	University of Pittsburgh
Erskine College	Pace University	University of San Francisco
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of South Carolina
Florida Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University	University of South Florida
Florida International University	Pepperdine University	University of Tampa
Florida State University	Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	University of Tennessee
Francis Marion University	Presbyterian College	University of Virginia
Furman University	Purdue University	University of Washington
Gardner-Webb University	Queens University	University of Wisconsin
Geneva College	Rhodes College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
George Washington University	Ringling College of Art and Design	Waseda University
Georgetown College	Roanoke College	Washington University
Greensboro College	Rutgers University	Western Carolina University
Hampton University	Samford University	Wheaton College
Hawaii Pacific University	Savannah College of Art & Design	William Woods University
High Point University	Sewanee: The University of the South	Winthrop University
Houghton University	South Carolina State University	Wofford College
Indiana University	Southeastern Esthetics Institute	Xavier University