



"Ben Lippen is the real world. Our children attend class with children from all over the city (and the world) and all walks of life. Ben Lippen teaches our children how to seek God and incorporate Him in everything we do. That's as real as it gets."

The Jones Family

Boarding School

Ben Lippen School South Carolina

A private boarding school in South Carolina offering a college-preparatory curriculum with strong academics, athletics, and student support. Students benefit from a structured boarding environment, AP and AP Capstone programs, and clear pathways to US universities.



BOARDING

CO-ED

SPORTS

ARTS

STEM

SUNNY

Quick Facts

Founded: 1940

Students: Co-educational

Niche.com Rank: A

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Accepting students: Grades 8-12th

University Acceptance Rate: 100%

Interview Required? Yes

Diploma Year? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

Special Programs: CNA, Aviation, Dual Enrollment

Academic Excellence

Ben Lippen School offers a college-preparatory curriculum with a wide range of Honors, Advanced Placement, and dual-enrollment options. Students can pursue specialized academic tracks through the Innovative Scholars Program, including Robotics, Pre-Engineering, and Pre-Business pathways. The school also offers the AP Capstone Diploma, supporting advanced research, writing, and presentation skills. Faculty members provide structured academic support through small class sizes, individualized instruction, and close advising. Graduates consistently gain admission to selective universities in the US and abroad, reflecting strong preparation across STEM, humanities, and the arts, as well as leadership and independent learning skills.

Student Accomplishments

- AP Scholars and AP Capstone Diploma recipients
- State-level academic and athletic awards
- Robotics and STEM competition participation
- University merit scholarship recipients.

Recent University Acceptances

- Cornell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Northwestern University
- University of Michigan
- Boston University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Wake Forest University
- Clemson University
- Washington University (St. Louis)
- Rutgers University
- University of South Carolina
- Michigan State University
- College of Charleston
- Wofford College
- Taylor University
- Wheaton College
- Calvin College
- The Citadel
- DePaul University
- James Madison University



Stats

16:1

Student Teacher Ratio

1308

Total School Enrollment

300

Total High School Enrollment

20+

AP Course Offered

#3

Best Boarding High Schools in South Carolina

12-20

Average Class Size

27

Average ACT Score

1260

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

Ben Lippen School is set on a spacious suburban campus in Columbia, South Carolina. Facilities support academic, athletic, and creative programs, including science labs, technology classrooms, performance spaces, and visual arts studios. Athletic fields and indoor sports areas support year-round training and competition. Campus spaces are designed to support both structured learning and student collaboration, providing a balanced environment for academic focus and extracurricular engagement.

Residential Life

Ben Lippen offers a structured boarding program for students in grades 8–12. Boarding students live in supervised dormitories with shared rooms and common areas that support study and social interaction. Residential staff provide academic oversight, daily routines, and student support. Boarding life includes organized activities, study halls, and weekend programming, creating a stable environment for both domestic and international students.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics emphasize teamwork, discipline, and competitive growth, with teams competing in regional and state leagues across multiple seasons.

The arts program supports creative development through performance- and studio-based courses integrated into the academic schedule.



Lists

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball

Arts: Visual Art, Digital Art, General Music, Choir, Acapella, Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Worship, Theater

Languages:
French, Latin, Spanish

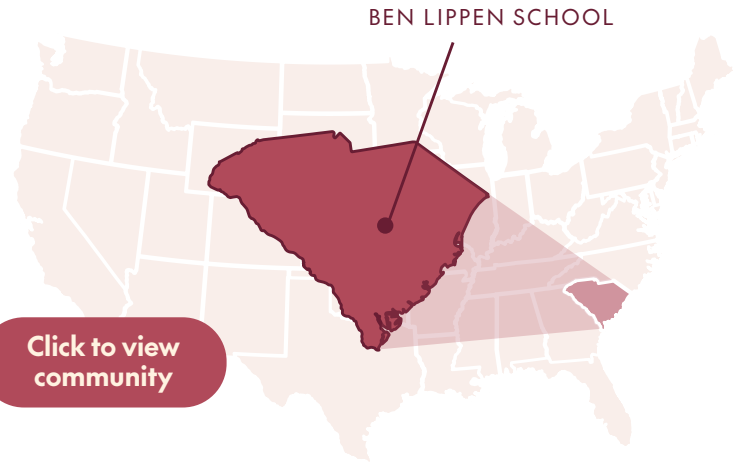
AP Courses Offered:
Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Psychology, Research, Seminar, Statistics, United States History, World History

Tech and Innovation courses:
Computer Science, Engineering Design, Robotics

Club and Extracurriculars
Chess Club, Debate Team, Entrepreneurship Club, National Honor Society, Robotics Club, Student Council, Yearbook

Community

Columbia is the capital city of South Carolina with a population of approximately 135,000. The city offers a mix of urban amenities and green spaces, with cultural venues, universities, and recreational areas. Columbia is about two hours from Charlotte and three hours from Atlanta. Columbia Metropolitan Airport provides domestic and international connections.



Climate in Columbia, South Carolina

Warm summers and mild winters with a generally temperate climate.



Video

A Look at
Ben Lippen School

