

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Ben Lippen School is a co-educational, Christian boarding school located in Columbia, South Carolina. The vision for Ben Lippen is to establish a center of influence in the Christian school movement through a model school, to infuse excellent academic standards. Ben Lippen's purpose is to lay a foundation in young lives that will encourage and help them to "press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Ben Lippen en-rolls approximately 800 students each year.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

As a division of Columbia International University, Ben Lippen is located on their campus. Columbia is located in the middle of South Carolina approximately 60 miles south of Charlotte, North Carolina. On the weekends students can enjoy shopping, visiting local attractions and fishing and canoeing in their stocked lake.

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION OF SCHOOL

> Columbia, South Carolina

TYPE OF SCHOOL

> Co-educational boarding school

GRADES OFFERED

> 9 - 12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

> Christian

SAT SCORE (AVERAGE)

> 1740

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

> 800

NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

> 100

STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO

> 20:1

ARE UNIFORMS REQUIRED?

> No

IS ESL OFFERED?

> Yes

GRADUATION POSSIBLE?

> Yes, in one year

NEAREST AIRPORT

> Charlotte Douglas Int. Airport (CLT)

COMMUNITY FACTS

Population: 132,067

Nearest Major City: Columbia, SC

Temperature Range: 22°C to 32°C



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports

Boys:

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Swimming

Girls:

Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track

School Clubs

Band
Choir
Drama
Fine Arts
Class Officers
Math Team
Model UN
Robotics
Science Club
Yearbook

INTERESTING FACTS

> Dual credit courses available

>The Boarding Program at Ben Lippen High School hosts approximately 80 students from around the world. Ben Lippen School offers an alternative to typical dorm life in traditional boarding schools by creating

FACILITIES



Included on the Ben Lippen's campus are 6 housing facilities, a lake, playing fields, baseball and football fields, classroom buildings, gymnasium, computer labs, science labs, library, and a dining facility.



COURSES OFFERED

MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	ENGLISH	LANGUAGES	THE ARTS	ELECTIVES
Advanced Math	AP Biology	Environmental Science	American Studies I-II	French I-III	Advanced Art	Accounting
Algebra I-II	Biology		English I-III	AP French	Speech and Drama	Advanced Health
AP Calculus	Honors Biology		AP English	AP Spanish		Bible Survey
Geometry	Advanced Biology		Honors English	Latin I-II		Bible Study Methods
	AP Chemistry					Computer Applications
	Honors Chemistry					Computer Science
	Physics					Courtesy/Nonapplicable
	Anatomy & Physiology					Driver Education
						International Affairs

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Auburn University
Boston University
Clemson University
Cornell University
Duke University
Johns Hopkins University

Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rutgers University

Texas A&M
Tulane University
University of California
University of Michigan
University of Wisconsin
University of Ohio

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Student Life Handbook

Upper School

Campus Wear

The purpose of campus wear is to promote modesty, neatness and appropriateness in order to support a positive learning environment. Campus wear can help reduce tension in the home regarding what is and is not appropriate to wear to school, and supports school unity and identity.

Ben Lippen requires a campus wear "top" and "bottom" for all students Monday through Thursday, including fall and spring exam days and AP exam days.

Tops

Students must wear a polo shirt, oxford style shirt, or blouse (biological girls only) with the Ben Lippen logo purchased from the Ben Lippen Lands' End webpage. A maximum of one button may be left unbuttoned at the neck.

Bottoms

Pants and shorts (non-cargo) may be purchased from any vendor but must conform to the guidelines listed below in order to maintain a tailored/traditional uniform look for campus wear. Skirts (girls only) and cargo shorts (biological boys and biological girls) may only be purchased from the Ben Lippen Lands' End webpage. Shorts and skirts must reach the knee while student is standing up straight. Students who cannot obtain skirts or shorts that reach the knee while standing straight may wear pants instead. If an item of clothing has belt loops, students are expected to wear a belt.

Pants:

- solid color fitting within the BL Campus Wear color palette limited to navy blue, black, gray, or a medium to dark shade of tan khaki
- cotton or blended twill traditionally-styled chinos with a flat or pleated front
- no low rise, wide flare, or skinny styles are permitted
- no corduroy, spandex, or lycra permitted
- no embellishments (e.g. sequins, labels, etc.)
- denim is only acceptable on Fridays
- Biological Boys: Pants must be traditional, full-length pants

Shorts:

- solid color fitting within the BL Campus Wear color palette limited to navy blue, black, gray, or a medium to dark shade of tan khaki
- cotton or blended twill traditionally-styled uniform shorts
- no corduroy, spandex, or lycra permitted
- no embellishments such as (but not limited to) sequins, labels, riveted pockets, or external pockets (except cargo shorts purchased from the Lands' End webpage).

Shoes

Shoes must be clean and in good repair. Beach-style or bathroom flip-flops, athletic sliders, and slippers (including moccasin style) are not permitted.

Outerwear

An outer layer of clothing (e.g. a jacket, a sweater, etc.) may be worn in the school building so long as the clothing meets all the guidelines outlined below. Even when wearing an outer layer of clothing, students are required to wear a campus wear top underneath it.

Outerwear:

- Solid color in the BL Campus Wear color palette limited to dark green, yellow, navy blue, gray, black, or white
- No neon and/or metallic colors
- Outerwear that has a half- or full-zipped, buttoned, or snapped front (e.g. a cardigan, a hoodie, a fleece jacket, a half-zip pullover, etc.) is not required to bear the Ben Lippen logo or promote a BL team or organization. Such outerwear should also not promote any non-BLS team or organization. However, company logos (e.g. The North Face) no larger than pocket-size are allowed.
- All outerwear that does not have a half- or full-zipped, buttoned, or snapped front (e.g. a sweatshirt) must have the Lands' End Ben Lippen School logo, or originate from a sanctioned Ben Lippen venue and promote a Ben Lippen team or organization.

Accessories

Decorative scarves may be worn if the colors are within the Ben Lippen color palette. Acceptable colors are limited to dark green, yellow, navy blue, gray, black and white. Neon colors are not permitted. Decorative belts, tights and leggings may be worn if they are a solid color. Knee socks may be solid-colored or have an argyle pattern. All colors are to be from within the Ben Lippen color palette and are limited to those noted above for scarves. Hats are not to be worn in the school building.

Spirit Wear Fridays

On Fridays, students may wear properly-fitted, modest jeans without holes, frays, rips, etc. along with a BLS t-shirt originating from a sanctioned Ben Lippen venue and clearly promoting Ben Lippen or a Ben Lippen team/organization. Outerwear worn on Fridays must fall within the guidelines for outerwear as noted above. Any special "jeans" days given throughout the school year must follow Spirit Wear Friday guidelines.

Athletic Dress

PE clothes and athletic practice clothes do not have to be from Lands' End. However, students will be graded on dress and participation each day. The appropriate attire for the upper school PE classes and athletic practices consist of any BLS t-shirt (Friday shirt) and shorts that are mid-thigh or longer in length (or shorts with leggings/spandex under them). During cooler months, athletic sweatpants, long sleeve t-shirts, and sweatshirts are appropriate. Shorts or sweatpants may have no wording other than Ben Lippen logos or small brand marks (ex. Nike Swoosh, Under Armor symbol, etc) on the front. PE clothes must not have any inappropriate

writings, sayings, or pictures. The PE instructor retains full discretion and regulatory authority in determining appropriateness.

Casual Dress for All Students – After School Hours

The following guidelines should be observed while on campus after school hours (e.g. athletic practice, athletic events, fine arts performances, and any school-sponsored event):

- Properly-fitted modest jeans
- Modest athletic shorts may be worn while participating in practice or in a game.
- T-shirts, not undershirts, may be worn. Modest sleeveless shirts are acceptable.
- Shirts are required in the presence of women during athletics, recreation, and exercise.
- Clothing which advertises tobacco, alcoholic beverages, the drug culture, lifestyles or sentiments associated with social or spiritual rebellion, the occult, ungodly music groups, or which has slogans with ungodly or double meanings is never acceptable.
- Only modest, one-piece swimsuits are allowed for female students at appropriate school trips, events or activities.
- Modest clothing is expected at all Ben Lippen events. Extremely short shorts or skirts, strapless tops or tops with only skinny straps, etc. do not generally conform to this expectation.

Formal Dress for Young Ladies

Modest formal or evening dresses may be worn to special events. Strapless and asymmetrical dresses are permitted, but all dresses should meet the following guidelines:

- Formal dresses must be no shorter than to the knee.
- No cleavage is to be seen.
- Dresses should not be too low, too tight, too loose, too transparent, etc.
- Dresses may only have cut-outs (open or covered with transparent material) on the back of the dress near the bra-strap. Fully open-back dresses, cut-outs below the back bra-strap, and cut-outs in the side or front of the dress are not allowed.

Biological girls wearing dresses that do not conform to the guidelines above may be asked to change before being allowed to participate in the occasion. In order to avoid this, dress approvals are required for formal Ben Lippen social events. A deadline two to three weeks prior to each social event will be announced, and unless prior arrangements are granted, all dresses must be approved before the deadline or a per day fine will be issued.

Candlelight Service Attire for Biological Girls (Seniors only)

- Dresses must be semi-formal, white in color, and at least to the knee. Dresses must remain at or below the knee when seated.
- No cleavage is to be seen.
- Dresses should not be too low, too tight, too loose, too transparent, etc.

- Dresses may only have cut-outs (open or covered with transparent material) on the back of the dress near the bra-strap. Fully open-back dresses, cut-outs below the back bra-strap, and cut-outs in the side or front of the dress are not allowed.
- Shoes must be a neutral tone such as black, white, gold, silver, or nude; flip flops or colored shoes are not permitted.

Graduation Attire for Biological Girls (Seniors only)

- Dresses should be to the knee (no floor-length).
- Shoes must be a neutral tone such as black, white, gold, silver, or nude; flip flops or colored shoes are not permitted.

Formal Dress for Young Men

For formal events, biological boys should wear jackets and ties with dress pants and dress shoes (no athletic shoes, Rainbows, or Spemies allowed) or a tuxedo. Dark suits or tuxedos is required for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Candlelight Service Attire for Biological Boys (Seniors only)

- Students must wear dark suits with white dress shirts and dark ties or bowties.
- Dark dress shoes are required (no athletic shoes, Rainbows, or Spemies allowed).

Graduation Attire for Biological Boys (Seniors only)

- Students must wear dark dress pants (no khakis) with white dress shirts and dark ties or bowties.
- Dark dress shoes are required (no athletic shoes, Rainbows, or Spemies allowed).

Hair Standard

All students are to keep their hair neat and well-groomed. Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair color (blue, green, etc.) are not acceptable, unless prior administrative approval is given. Some examples would be hair with shaved portions or spikes. Biological boys' hair may not cover either or both eyes or completely cover the ears. Biological boys' hair may be kept pulled back to accomplish this purpose, but while at school all hair should be above the collar completely. Biological boys are allowed to have facial hair, but it must be well groomed.

Piercings and Body Art

Biological boys are not permitted to have visible piercings or gauges (gages). Wearing a bandage to cover ear ornamentation is also not allowed. Biological girls are only allowed to have pierced ears visible. No gauges (gages) are permitted. Visible tattoos or body art are not allowed.

Campus Wear Disciplinary Procedure

If a student comes to school wearing clothes that do not meet the campus wear standards described below, he/she will be required to leave class and will not be permitted to return until he/she is wearing proper campus wear. If necessary, the student will be required to call home and wait in the office until proper campus wear can be brought to school for him/her. Absences or tardies for each class or partial class missed will accrue for students who must leave class due to campus wear violations.

- 1st Offense: The student will be sent to the assistant principal or dean of women and may not return to class until in appropriate campus wear. The student will receive a tardy and/or absence(s) depending on how much class time is missed.
- 2nd Offense: In addition to the natural consequences outlined above for the first offense, the student may be disallowed from wearing certain items of clothing for the remainder of the semester, even if those items are normally approved campus wear. For example, a student may be disallowed from wearing a skirt for the remainder of the semester for a second skirt violation, or a student may be disallowed from wearing a Ben Lippen hoodie for a second violation of wearing a hoodie with no campus wear beneath it.
- 3rd Offense: Consequences from step 2 in "Disciplinary Procedures" will be considered.
- 4th Offense: A fourth offense will be considered a major disciplinary offense as described in "Disciplinary Procedures."