



## **Benzie County Central Schools**

### **Home of the Huskies!**

Benzie Central High School  
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District: 10015

Benzie Central High School: 00287

Benzie County Central Schools serves over 1,200 students preK-12 and encompasses over 350 square miles in the beautiful terrain of Northwest Lower Michigan. The Early Childhood program is now housed at Betsie Valley Elementary, Homestead Hills Elementary, and Lake Ann Elementary consisting of programs serving 3 and 4-year olds in partnership with GSRP and Head Start.

There are six villages in the district which is also convenient to the cities of Traverse City, Manistee, and Frankfort. Benzie Central has 3 elementary schools serving grades K-5, a middle/high school serving grades 6-12, and an alternative middle/high school serving grades 6-12. We have a grade configuration of Pk3-12.

Our students have access to Advanced Placement and Honors Courses, Dual Enrollment, Early Middle College, Career Tech. Center, Teacher Academy, Fine Arts, Band, Choir, Theater, Vocational Programming, Vex Robotics, National Honor Society, Interact Club, Science Olympiad, Teacher-Monitored Online Courses, excellent sports programs, and more.

Onsite infant/toddler daycare and summer programming for our staff and families.

Benzie Central High School is a public school serving 320 students during the 2022/23 school year, with a grade-level configuration of 9-12. The student body is 1% Hispanic, 92.5% white, 1% African American, 1% Asian Pacific, 2% American Indian, and 2.5% multiple or no response.

Benzie Central High School uses Building Impact Teams, (BIT) a Blueprint systemic reconfiguration as our School Improvement process. We continue to focus on improving student performance in the area of Reading, Mathematics, Attendance, and Behavior as well as our systems of building a positive culture for our students. Professional development and strategy instruction are targeted to improve this area. All goals and strategies are found in our Building MiCIP plan.

52% Economically disadvantaged

38% Free Lunch, 4% Reduced Lunch, 58% Full Pay Lunch Status



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Red & White

Northwest Conference

Class/Division: C

Founded in 1962.

The academic programming is organized on an 8-hour period schedule, with 7.24 credits being the maximum course load.

Benzie Central High School holds membership in the College Board. College Board has authorized the following courses: AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Chemistry, and AP English and Literature Composition, with 19% student body enrollment. 32 students took 43 exams. Out of 32 students, 82% earned a 3+ leading to college credit.

28 students were enrolled in Dual Enrollment Courses whereby the student is officially enrolled in high school and is simultaneously enrolled in one or more college courses.

5 students were committed to the Early Middle College program in a partnership between Benzie Central Schools and Baker College.

27 students attended our Northwest Education Services Career Tech. Vocational Programming.

According to policy 5412 the Superintendent or designee establishes the class rank, honor roll and other academic recognitions at the beginning of each school year.

The minimum honor roll average will be 3.0 points. The honor roll is computed on a 4.0 system. The grade point average is computed on a 4.0 system using plus (+) and minus (-) grades. AP Courses are on a 5-point GPA scale.



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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Standard Courses</u>	<u>AP Courses</u>
A	97-100	4.0	5.0
A	94-96	4.0	5.0
A-	90-93	3.667	4.667
B+	87-89	3.333	4.333
B	84-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-83	2.667	3.667
C+	77-79	2.333	3.333
C	74-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-73	1.667	2.667
D+	67-69	1.333	2.333
D	64-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-63	.667	1.667
F	0-59	0	0

Ten seniors graduating with the highest GPA averages in their class will be recognized as Top 10. Students receiving the top two cumulative GPA scores will receive the award of valedictorian/salutatorian. In the event there are multiple students with matching highest GPAs, the highest SAT score will be valedictorian, the second-highest score will be the salutatorian.

SAT scores for this award must be reported to the school from the College Board by the last day of semester 1 of the senior year. The awards of valedictorian/salutatorian do not affect a student's class rank.

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation.

Current 4-year cohort graduation rate of 94%.



## **Benzie County Central Schools**

AP Honor Roll Recipient

Ranked as top public high schools in U.S. News & World Report and Bridge Magazine.

*The mission of the Benzie County Central School community is to provide a safe learning environment that motivates all students to reach their highest potential by providing the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and leaders in a changing society.*

- *We believe each child can learn and achieve to their highest potential*
- *We believe the school must be a positive, safe, and comfortable learning environment*
- *We believe the school must inspire self-confidence, self-motivation, and self-discipline in all students*
- *We believe a child's education is positively influenced by parental and community involvement*
- *We believe our students will become responsible community members*