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## Ben Southerland

### Sycamore High School



Sycamore senior Ben Southerland was one of the top basketball players in the always-tough GMC this season. He holds the school record for most points scored in a game (41 points vs. Colerain) and most three-pointers made in a season (56).

Entering his senior year, Ben was coming off a fine junior campaign when he averaged 17.3 points a game (fourth in the GMC) as well as 5.5 rebounds per game. He was named first-team all-GMC, honorable mention all-city and was named to the all-Southwest Ohio District and all-state teams.

He had a good senior season, too, for the GMC co-champs and district runners-up. He was third in the GMC in scoring, averaging 15.7 points per game. He scored 25 points vs. Bradenton Christian FL, 22 points vs. Princeton, 22 points vs. Middletown and 21 points vs. both Kings and Lakota West. He was named first-team all-GMC for the second straight year, first-team all-city (Enquirer) and honorable mention all-Ohio.

An academic honor roll student who is active in community service, Ben will play basketball at the next level, at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He also plays for the Midwest Basketball Club team. His favorite athlete and most-like-to-meet is Michael Jordan, favorite entertainer is Will Ferrell, favorite book is *The Blind Side*, and favorite movie is *Spiderman—No Way Home*.



**NAME:** Ben Southerland  
**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2022  
**SCHOOL:** Sycamore High School  
**SPORT:** Basketball  
**ACHIEVEMENT:** "My college paid for through basketball."  
**HEIGHT:** 6'7" - 195 lbs.  
**PARENTS:** Tim & Kim  
**INFLUENCE:** "Yusuf, a friend who passed away."  
**GOAL:** "Play in March Madness," play professional basketball."

"Ben Southerland is a competitor; he is self-driven and confident in his abilities and holds himself to a very high standard of excellence."

– Tim Austin, Varsity Basketball Coach

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