

# The Governor's Academy



Byfield MA, USA



## The Academy

The Governor's Academy, founded in 1763, is the oldest boarding school in the USA. The school has been associated with many historically significant figures, including John Quincy Adams and Paul Revere.

The Academy is a private high school, located 33 miles north of Boston, just a few miles from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Academy's 22-building sprawling campus (shown above) covers a 450 acre area, and includes a mix of historic and modern buildings, including the Moseley Chapel (upper right), the Performing Arts Center (center right), and the Pescosolido Library, (lower right).

## The Language Lab

The academy has a computer-equipped 15-seat language lab, which is used for teaching foreign language courses in Spanish, French, German, Latin, and Chinese.

The lab includes an IntraLAB system, which is used for student recording activities and for teacher-managed activities such as student pairing, student testing, and model student presentations.

The lab is located on the second floor of one of the school's historic buildings.



## Foreign Language Teaching

Of the Academy's 87 faculty members, no fewer than 10 are dedicated to the teaching of foreign languages.

The curriculum includes over 40 different foreign language course offerings. Several of these are Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

All foreign language teachers have been trained in how to use the language lab systems, and participate in periodic refresher training sessions.

## Technology Environment

Although the school is more than 240 years old, the technology environment is extremely modern.

The Academy has an outstanding network infrastructure, consisting of a gigabit, fiber optic backbone, and four T1 lines providing internet access. All students have access to the campus network via a network jack found in all dorm rooms, the library, classrooms, two computer labs, and the Student Center.

The IT department works closely with the foreign language teaching staff to ensure that the language lab continues to function flawlessly.

## First North American IntraLAB User

Because of their powerful computer and network infrastructure, The Governor's Academy was an ideal prospect for Robotel's new IntraLAB digital language lab system.

The initial IntraLAB installation was completed in 2007, and we continue to work with the Academy's IT staff to fine-tune the system and the infrastructure for optimal performance.

