

When the Head of the Languages Department at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida decided it was time to upgrade the 12 year old language lab, she looked no further than SANAKO Lab 100 (formerly Elice) to introduce a fully digital, state-of-the-art language lab.

The Bolles School

- Located in Jacksonville, Florida
- Intensive foreign language programs
- 18 language teachers
- Languages offered: Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Latin and Chinese

An Established and Prestigious School

The Bolles School founded in 1933, is nestled among old oak trees in truly spectacular surroundings, situated along the beautiful banks of the north-flowing Saint Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida. The Bolles School, one of the most prestigious in the country, excels in language programs, with eighteen teachers currently teaching six different languages: Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Latin and Chinese.

When The Bolles School decided to upgrade its twelve year old language laboratory last year, Moya Marks, Chairperson of the language department called upon Multimedia Solutions, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to give a presentation to the faculty on the new SANAKO Lab 100 digital language laboratory.

A cost-effective digital system

- A user-friendly and dynamic system
- Teacher can observe, listen, guide and control from PC station
- Student exercises in groups, pairs or individually
- Only one PC needed – for the teacher
- Easy-to-use student audio panels

From Tape Decks to High-Tech

Multimedia Solutions has been servicing the current Tandberg IS-10 language lab purchased twelve years ago so the natural choice was to look no further than new Tandberg language products, due to their reliability and good service. The Tandberg IS-10 was still functioning perfectly; however Moya Marks knew that to remain a leader of quality education, upgrading to a fully digital language lab was necessary.

The decision was made by Bolles to remove the Tandberg IS-10 tape deck lab and replace it with a new Sanako Lab 100. The contract was negotiated by Moya Marks of The Bolles School with Multimedia Solutions of Fort Lauderdale, to remove the Tandberg IS-10 lab, including the furniture and install this system at the middle school of the Bolles Bartram Campus.



SANAKO Lab 100 offers a wide variety of exercises for group or individual activity.



The Bolles was the first school in Florida to purchase SANAKO Lab 100.



Enriching the learning experience

- Varied activities: listening, viewing, speaking
- Multimedia capabilities
- Internet access
- Teachers can communicate with selected students without disturbing others



SANAKO Lab 100 User Audio Panel

The Bartram Campus also offers an extensive language program of Spanish, French, German and Latin and will use the Tandberg IS-10 language lab installed in August 2003.

Economy meets State-of-the-Art Technology

The Bolles School is the first in the Florida to purchase the new state-of-the-art SANAKO Lab 100 digital language lab, which was installed in August 2003 at The Bolles School with new student furniture as well as a new teacher console.

Moya Marks and the faculty decided to purchase the new Lab 100 as it is a very cost effective digital system. Only the teacher console requires a PC and the student stations use a digital audio panel, thus cutting out the expense of equipping the entire lab with networked PC's. This allowed Bolles to install a modern digital lab without losing the features associated with more expensive language labs while at the same time enhancing the language program with state-of-the-art technology.

Exciting New Features for Teachers and Students

The new Lab 100 offers numerous functions. In addition to the normal "listen and repeat" activities, Lab 100 allows the students to be grouped in pairs or groups for discussion, as well as talk to each other in phone mode. All functions of the lab can be observed, listened to and controlled by the teacher at the teacher console.

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Lab 100 has the capability of using cassette tapes and CD's that can be broadcast to the entire class or groups and to individuals, without having to digitize cassettes or CD's first. After broadcasting a cassette or CD to the class, Lab 100 allows you to save the cassette or CD in a digital format onto the media storage unit. All activities including responses from true and false quizzes or multiple-choice questions can be stored as computer files for future reference. Lab 100 has a special capability for AP testing, used in the spring of 2004 for the advanced placement tests.


Moya Marks and colleagues at The Bolles School San Jose Campus and Bartram Campus are very excited with their new language labs. Ms. Marks is particularly excited to bring such a lab to the middle school. Both campuses are eagerly using the language labs and are finding the new features exciting for teachers and students.

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