



## American School for the Deaf (ASD) (Founded in 1817)

- First permanent school for Deaf students in the United States, originally named the **Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons**.
- Established in **Hartford, Connecticut**, on **April 15, 1817**.
- Pioneered **formal Deaf education in America**, setting a precedent for other Deaf schools.
- The school played a major role in the development of **American Sign Language (ASL)**, blending **French Sign Language (LSF)** with existing home and village signs in the U.S.