



**Friends Academy School, Mooresville, Indiana (Opened in 1861)**

The Mooresville Friends Academy was built in 1860-1861 at a cost of \$1,625, which was funded through private donations. Initial enrollment was 78 pupils, but by 1867, 150 students attended. High school students began attending there in 1869, making the Academy one of the first secondary schools in Central Indiana. Students travelled from across the center of the state to attend classes there. In 1883, the Town of Mooresville assumed responsibility for the school. It was used for classes from 1861 through 1971. Until 1908, both elementary and high school students attended classes there. Many famous local citizens, including artist Robert Indiana, took classes at the Academy.



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Today, the building houses the Academy of Hoosier Heritage, a museum showcasing state and local 19th century history.