

**Class Name:** ASL 1,2,3 & 4 American Sign Language Combined Class

**Teacher:** Mrs. Ferraro

Grade levels: 7-12th grades

**Description:** AS a combined class; the benefits is that all the students are experiencing a more accurate portrayal of “Code Switching” within the class environment but they will be graded at their level. In the past, combined classes have proven to be highly successful.

Grade levels: High School Class Description Level 1 & 2: Highly Interactive High School Level course, introduction to Sign language; Signed English (SE), Pidgin (PSE) and ASL with introduction to Deaf culture nationally and internationally. Basic ear anatomy. Foundational overview and basic communicative skills. Will be able to sign and receive basic instructions and games in a signing only atmosphere. Weekly involved in signing presentations. ASL 2 will begin an introduction to silent class instruction with non-voicing environments continuing and furthering communicative skills.

ASL 3 and 4 should be able to have majority of interaction in a sign only format. More emphasis on research. Further development and use of signing skills in various methods (SE, PSE and ASL) will expand signing to a global perspective. Research paper on a pre-approved topic completed according to MLA standards. 15 hours of lab to be pre-approved. Weekly signed presentations. Will continue Deaf History and Culture study globally. Introduction to glossing and voice-overs. Several “mini” papers required on related topics. Students will research additional benefits of sign language.

**Prerequisites:** None for ASL 1, ASL 1 for ASL 2, ASL 2 for ASL 3, ASL 3 for ASL 4

**Textbook/Author/Publisher:**

1. Internet: Lifeprint (Bill Vicars)
2. Signing Illustrated Author: Mickey Flodin
3. ASL 3: American Sign Language Dictionary Author: Martin Sternberg
4. ASL 4: Additional Dictionary of a different version. (Religious Signing by Elaine Costello recommended)

**Supplies required:** Notebook, paper and pencils. Access to the internet for homework

**Weekly class cost:** \$8.00

**Materials/lab fee:** \$15.00

**FLDOE Course Number:** Sign 1: 0717300    Sign 2: 0717310

Sign 3: 0717312    Sign 4: 0717314

**Maximum # of students:** 15

**Minimum # of students:** 10

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