Class Creation

Course Title ASL 1 (American Sign Language)

Grade Level 9-12

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Class Description

This is an introductory course designed for students with little or no previous study of ASL. Students will step out of their comfort zones as they learn how to communicate using sign language, understand grammatical differences between ASL and English, and become familiar with the Deaf culture.

Participation is a VITAL part of this class. ASL is best learned with active participation alongside partners or in a small group. Interactive games will be played to make learning this unique language fun!

This class would not be suitable for auditory learners, as it will be primarily taught in ASL (voice-off). So attentive eyes are necessary for success.

The goal is to offer this as a two year language class; I plan to offer ASL 2 next year.

I look forward to a wonderful year (or two) together!

Text/Materials

Given the visual nature of ASL, students will need to have access to a device at home in order to watch ASL videos, access activities for extra practice, and to complete homework assignments. I will be sharing weekly links with parents/students.

In addition to any online resources I provide, there may be a textbook for this class if I can find an affordable resource. TBD.

Class Fee (and how is it used) TBA

Prerequisites

None

Class Limit 16