

Beginning American Sign Language (ASL) – An Introduction

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Grade: MS-HS

Fees: \$30 monthly tuition

This class will introduce how to fingerspell, introduce basic vocabulary and introductory skills.

Text: *Learning American Sign Language* by Tom L. Humphries and Carol Padden. (You do not have to have the newest version. Several older editions are available on used book sites and those are much less expensive and will suffice for this class). We will only complete about half of the book in this course. It is comprised of 17 units. Reference (optional) *The Joy of Signing* by Lottie L. Riekehof. This book has many vocabulary words. However, there are many reference options available for free via the internet.

Course Description: In this ASL class we will learn to fingerspell (ABC's), numbers to 20, learn how to introduce ourselves, learn pronouns, daily conversations, some grammar of ASL, politeness, descriptions, and requests. We will also learn the Pledge of Allegiance and some traditional hymns. Each week we will add new vocabulary words and each week an exam will be given over the information we have previously learned.

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma offers an ASL 1 online class. It is a wonderful way to be able to practice on a daily basis. Classes, even though online, are limited so when the window to enroll is open, I highly recommend this class.