

Registration Form American Sign Language Courses

If you are unsure of your placement,
teachers will assist you on the
first night of the class.

Please complete and return this form
with the registration fee of \$60
by **March 22, 2010**

Please check the course for which
you are enrolling:

ASL 1 ASL 2a ASL 2b ASL 3

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Return to: **Crystal Davis, Registrar**
WPSD
300 East Swissvale Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218



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Return service requested

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

AT THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



April 7 - May 26, 2010
Wednesday evenings from
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

At WPSD, ASL courses go beyond sign language instruction.

We provide opportunities to interact with deaf and hard-of-hearing people, promoting not only signing skills but also greater understanding of Deaf culture. Class size is limited to ensure individual attention from the instructor.

The fee for the course is \$60.00 and is due when registration is submitted. Cash and checks are the only accepted methods of payment. Checks should be made payable to WPSD. Classes are offered throughout the year.

For more information please contact Joan Stone at 412-244-4205 or jstone@wpsd.org. **For other events and weather cancellations check our website at www.wpsd.org.**

COURSES ARE NON-CREDIT. PERIODIC EVALUATIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE INSTRUCTOR TO MONITOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Directions to WPSD:

Traveling East on I-376 (Parkway East)

Take the Edgewood/Swissvale exit (the first exit after the Squirrel Hill Tunnel). Bear left on the Edgewood ramp and then bear right onto Greendale Avenue ramp. Stay on Greendale Avenue to the third stop sign and then turn right onto Race Street. Continue on Race Street up hill, through stop light and under railroad bridge. At stop sign, turn left onto Swissvale Avenue. Proceed approximately one half block. WPSD is on the right. Turn right into main entrance.

Traveling West on I-376 (Parkway East)

Take the Edgewood/Swissvale exit. Turn right at light onto Braddock Avenue. Proceed approximately 70 yards and turn right onto Greendale Avenue. Stay on Greendale to the third stop sign, then turn right onto Race Street. Continue on Race Street up hill, through stop light and under railroad bridge. At stop sign turn left onto Swissvale Avenue. Proceed approximately one half block. WPSD is on your right. Turn right into main entrance.

ASL 1

This course is designed to focus on the study of American Sign Language (ASL). Students will develop basic fingerspelling, vocabulary and grammar skills. Students will be introduced to conversational discourse and begin to comprehend signs in a meaningful way. Discussion of Deaf Culture and interactions with the Deaf Community will be key components of this course. Students who have taken ASL 1 before and found the pace challenging, may want to consider taking ASL 1 again.

This semester, we are dividing Sign 2 into two levels.

ASL 2a

This course is designed to further the study of American Sign Language (ASL) and expand expressive and receptive vocabulary and grammar skills. This course will focus on specific topics such as: classifiers, time/numbers, directionality and storytelling. Students who have had some sign skills, and felt comfortable with ASL 1 but feel they need a slower approach to new vocabulary, may consider ASL 2a.

ASL 2b

Students who have solid basic skills, and have an opportunity to practice with others who sign, may want to challenge themselves with ASL 2b.

ASL 3

This class will provide an evaluation of each student's communication skills, and focus on deficits. More in-depth discussion on Deaf Culture and language will be possible due to student's prior skills. Attention to advanced grammar and signs will be emphasized. This class is designed for those who plan to have more interaction with individuals who use sign language.