



Directions to WPSD:

Traveling East on I-376 (From Downtown)

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 (From Monroeville)

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.



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

300 East Swissvale Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1469
www.wpsd.org

2020 - 2021 American Sign Language Classes

At The
Western Pennsylvania
School For The Deaf



Session Dates

Fall 2020: Sept. 30 - Nov.18
Winter 2021: Jan. 6 - Feb. 24
Spring 2021: March 24 - May 19

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At WPSD, American Sign Language (ASL) classes go beyond sign language instruction.

Not only do our classes promote signing skills, but also a greater understanding of Deaf Culture through interaction with Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. Plus, classes are limited in size to ensure individual attention from the instructor. Evaluations are conducted throughout the session to assist students in monitoring their progress.

CLASSES MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

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

Please note: Students from age 14-18 are welcome to register for classes IF they are accompanied by a registered parent or guardian.

The fee for each session is \$75.00 and is due with your registration. Payments can be made as cash or check. *Checks should be made payable to WPSD.

You can also register online at wpsd.org by clicking on the Community tab on our homepage.

For more information, please contact *Amy Dent* at 412-244-3100 or adent@wpsd.org.

**Immediate family members of WPSD students are eligible to receive full reimbursement for ASL classes taken at WPSD if they attend at least six classes per session.*

ASL 1

Students will develop basic fingerspelling, vocabulary and grammar skills. Discussion of Deaf Culture and interactions with the Deaf Community will be key components of this course.

ASL 2

This course is designed to expand expressive and receptive vocabulary and grammar skills. The course will focus on specific topics such as: classifiers, time, numbers, directionality and storytelling, as well as language structure and deaf history and culture.

ASL 3

This class will provide an evaluation of each student's communication skills, and focus on individual needs. Attention to advanced grammar and signs will be emphasized and will include dialogues that involve asking, empathizing, negotiation, agreeing and disagreeing.

ASL 4

This is an advanced course. It progresses from common, concrete interactions to expressing abstract ideas. Emphasis is on the comprehension and production of increasingly complex communication and includes descriptors, classifier use, non-manual signals, mouth morphemes and numbering systems.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SESSION START DATE.

For more information on the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and for postings on weather cancellations, please visit our website at wpsd.org.

Registration Form American Sign Language Classes

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 \$75 registration fee **NO LATER** than the **Friday before** the session start date.

No refunds after the second class.

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Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

I am enrolling in:

ASL 1 ASL 2 ASL 3 ASL 4

Return to: **Amy Dent**
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