

2022 - 2023 American Sign Language Classes

At The
Western Pennsylvania
School For The Deaf



Session Dates

Fall 2022: Sept. 25 - Nov. 17
Winter 2023: Jan. 8 - Mar 2
Spring 2023: March 26 - May 25

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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 ensure individual attention from the instructor. Evaluations are conducted throughout the session to assist students in monitoring their progress.

We plan to offer both in-person and online classes. You will be able to make that selection during registration.

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

Please note: Students ages 14-18 are welcome to register online but will require adult supervision during class.

The fee for each session is \$75.00 and is due with your registration. Payments are done online.

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

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL
CLASSES CAN BE FOUND
AT WPSD.ORG**

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