

# **American Sign Language I (ASL)**

*This class will introduce how to fingerspell, introduce basic vocabulary, introduction skills, and sentence structure (grammar). We will learn the Pledge of Allegiance and some songs*

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**Grade:** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**Fees:** \$30 monthly + one-time \$15 fee per student (annual), my Venmo name is Janet Crouch@JanetCrouch-4; cash and checks are also accepted.

**Text:** Two textbooks required. *Learning American Sign Language* by Tom L. Humphries and Carol Padden. (ISBN # 0-13-528571-2) and *The Joy of Signing* by Lottie L. Riekehof (ISBN 088243-518-3) This book is like a sign word dictionary. It gives a brief description of the origin of the sign and is divided into 24 units; These can be used and do not have to be the newest version. I was successful in finding on Thriftbooks and Abebooks for \$10 or less in good condition.

**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. We will sometimes have a worksheet (see examples in the folder). I will be using the DVD that accompanies the first book but students do not need to purchase the DVD.

**Homework/Grades:** Each week students will have a quiz at the beginning of class time. Students will know what unit to study the week preceding the quiz. I will sign the word or sentence and students must write the answer. I will repeat the sign three times. There will be a semester grade and then a year end grade. I will send the grade on a hard copy so you may have them for your records.

**Additional source but not required:** The Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma offers an ASL 1 and ASL 2 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 enrolling immediately in this class. If students took ASL 1 (OSD), I would recommend ASL 2. However, if you did not take the online class, I recommend ASL 1 in the fall and ASL 2 in the spring in conjunction with this class.