

LIBERTY LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMY
Sign Language 1

Teacher: Mrs. AJ Bean

Grade Levels: 5th – 12th Will accept 4th grade student who must learn to communicate with a family member.

Teacher Compensation: \$270.00 per student per year. Payable in 9 Monthly Installments of \$30.00

Supply Fee: A once per Semester fee of \$25.00 (2 payments of \$25.00)

DID YOU KNOW THAT “ASL” SIGN LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTED BY 180 UNIVERSITIES IN FULFILLMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS? TO SEE THE LIST: <http://www.unm.edu/~wilcox/UNM/univlist.html>

Book Requirement & Materials Needed:

- A. Required Text: Signing Naturally: Student Workbook, Units 1-6 (including DVDs), 2008 ed. by Smith, Lentz, and Mikos
- B. Access to a multimedia device with high video quality recording capabilities (e.g., laptop, tablet, Smartphone, etc.) or a flash drive.

Class Description: This course is designed for students with no previous experience in this area. 50 minutes per week of instruction in American Sign Language and English. The course introduces the fundamentals of American Sign Language. The focus is on sign language vocabulary, expressive and receptive communication, fingerspelling, and ASL grammar used by Deaf Americans.

Learning Objectives: After completing this course, students will:

- A. Have a knowledge base about the fundamentals of American Sign Language
- B. Be able to fingerspell and count
- C. Have an understanding of basic ASL vocabulary and grammatical structure
- D. Understand certain aspects of Deaf Culture:
 - 1. Common courtesies
 - 2. Expressions
 - 3. Deaf people in history
 - 4. Have basic expressive and receptive conversational skills in ASL

Assignments: Weekly homework and assessments will fulfill a Foreign Language requirement at most colleges. Receptive and expressive assessments to help aid in the learning of vocabulary and grammar of ASL and Deaf Culture. Deaf Culture social experience and reflection paper. Additional information about assignments and rubrics will be provided at a later date.

Class Expectations: Daily homework is expected and required. Students must make a commitment that they will fulfill homework requirements. Full participation in class for interactive exercises, as a presenter, active audience member, and willingness to work with the teacher, partner, or in a group. Students must complete assignments by deadlines!