

# Basic American Sign Language

Fourth Grade

PATH Christian Academy

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**Required materials:** Due by: Friday, August 24, 2018

- One inch binder

- 5 dividers

**Note: Can be the same folder from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.**

**Course description:** This course is an introduction to American Sign Language, the language used by Deaf people in the United States and most of Canada. This course will also provide introductory information on Deaf culture, since a language cannot be separated from its culture.

**Course objectives:** The objectives of this course are to provide students with beginning ASL communication skills (including vocabulary and basic grammatical aspects such as use of space, non-manual markers, and classifiers) and cross-cultural information (including attention getting strategies, politically correct terminology, and behavioral norms).

**Attendance and participation:** Attendance and participation are mandatory. Students will be receiving a participation grade (which cannot be given or make up in the case of an absence) for each class session.

**Course methodology:** Students will learn through a variety of in-class collaborative activities, discussions, lectures, videotapes, and homework.

\*\*Since learning a new language requires using that language, there will be no spoken English used in class! You may mime/gesture or write your questions to me, or come see me before or after class. If you need a review of certain signs, write a list of the words needed and we will review the first 5 minutes of class.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned after each session and will be due at the next. Homework will also be included on the weekly homework packet. Please be advised homework must be done after it is taught (on the day assigned) and not before.

**Grades will be based on the following:**

Homework

Attendance/Participation

Quizzes

Tests

Spontaneous signing

**Grading scale:**

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = less than 60%

**Tips for success:**

To succeed in this class, we must work as a team and share responsibility for your learning.

- If you are not following what is going on in class, raise your hand to ask for clarification.
- If you don't remember how to produce a sign, write it on a piece of paper. I will review any signs written on the board at the beginning of class.
- Since there will be no English used in class, it is imperative that you do your homework and **check with a classmate** if you have to miss a class. If you allow yourself to fall behind, it will be very difficult to catch up.

# Sign Language Quarter One

## Tentative Schedule

Date	Topic Schedule
<b>Wed., Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Introduction/Rules, Review: ABC's, Fingerspelling
<b>Fri., Aug. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Review: ABC's, Fingerspelling, Numbers
<b>Wed., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Test: ABC's, Fingerspelling, Numbers
<b>Fri., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Review: People & Animal Signs
<b>Wed., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Quiz: People & Animal Signs Review: Food/Drink & Home Signs
<b>Fri., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Quiz: Food/Drink & Home Signs Review: Clothing & Color Signs
<b>Wed., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Test: People, Animal, Food/Drink, Home, Clothing & Color Signs
<b>Fri., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Review: Sport & Activity Signs
<b>Wed., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Quiz: Sport & Activity Signs Review: Thought & Feeling Signs
<b>Fri., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Minimum Day: No Sign Class
<b>Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Test: Sport, Activity, Thought & Feeling Signs
<b>Fri., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Review: Action & Body Signs
<b>Wed., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Quiz: Action & Body Signs Review: School & Calendar Signs
<b>Fri., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Quiz: School & Calendar Signs Review: Silly/Fun Signs
<b>Wed., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Test: Action, Body, School, Calendar, Silly/Fun Signs
<b>Fri., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Review for Final
<b>Wed., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Final (ABC's, Fingerspelling, Numbers, People, Animal, Food/Drink, Home, Clothing, Color, Sport, Activity, Thought, Feeling, Action, Body, School, Calendar, Silly/Fun Signs)
<b>Fri., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	School Closed