

American Sign Language with Mrs. Dorey Houle

ASL Enrichment provides students of all ages with access to vocabulary and grammar of American Sign Language as well as a glimpse in the culture of the Deaf. All programs target the specific needs and abilities of the students and grouped according to age.

Mommy and Me Sign – Offered Wednesday’s 9:00 – 9:30 (Fee \$45.00 per month)

A 30-minute class that incorporates emerging language skills, songs, signs and play into an engaging opportunity to learn ASL vocabulary geared toward developing language. Deaf culture and history of the Deaf community is introduced.

Mom and Tot Sign – Offered Wednesday’s 9:45 – 10:30 (Fee \$45.00 per month)

A 45-minute class that combines favorite nursery rhymes and characters and ASL vocabulary. The beginning elements of ASL grammar are introduced. Students continue to explore elements of Deaf culture and history of the Deaf community.

Early Childhood Sign – Offered Wednesday’s 10:45-11:30 (Fee \$45.00 per month)

A 45-minute class that combines well-loved children’s stories and ASL vocabulary and grammar. Students enjoy an oral telling of a story, discuss applicable ASL vocabulary and Non-Manual Signals, and finish with an ASL re-telling of the story by a talented Deaf storyteller, an important element of Deaf culture.

Elementary Sign – Grades 1-4 Offered Friday’s 11:45-12:35 (Fee \$45.00 per month if individual class)

A 45-minute class that focuses on the American Sign Language alphabet and ABC Stories, many of which have been handed down from generation to generation as a way of Deaf children learning their alphabet. Students will learn how to introduce themselves, sign basic identifying information, and basic ASL grammar. Elements of Deaf culture and history of the Deaf community continue to be explored.

Middle School Sign – Grades 5-8 Offered Friday’s 9:35-10:25 (Fee \$45.00 per month if individual class)

A 50-minute class that focuses on ASL grammar and vocabulary. Students learn how to have an introductory conversation in ASL. Students will be able to express needs, wants, and preferences in the target language, as well as develop receptive language skills. A variety of DVDs are utilized to give examples of conversations and reinforce Deaf culture and history of the Deaf community.

High School Sign – Grades 9-12 Offered Friday’s 10:25-11:15 (Fee \$45.00 per month if individual class)

A 50-minute class that expands upon basic ASL grammar and vocabulary knowledge. Students will continue to develop their receptive language skills and explore more complex language topics through role-playing activities. Students will continue to explore Deaf culture through popular music interpreted in ASL.