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Overview of SIGN LANGUAGE (INTRO & SIGN I) (Grades 7-12)

Tutor: TBD

Text: *A Basic Course in American Sign Language 2nd Edition* by Tom Humphries, Carol Padden, Terrence J. O'Rourke & more; ISBN-10 0932666426; ISBN-13; 978-0932666420

Supplements provided by tutor: Internet links, videos shown in class and teacher handouts

Course Description: American Sign Language (ASL) is not merely a substitute for spoken words, but is its own language. There are many things that make ASL what it is. Vocabulary and fingerspelling are used to express what one is saying. However, the language is not complete until its own grammatical structure and facial expression are employed. In this class the students will learn vocabulary, fingerspelling, and a foundation of grammatical structure that will enable them to communicate using the language of the deaf living in America today.

Topics we will cover include:

- ABC's/Fingerspelling
- Numbers
- Vocabulary
- Deaf Culture
- Deaf History
- Facial Expression
- Directional Verbs
- Rhetorical Questions
- Classifiers
- Sign Space
- Past, Present, and Future
- ASL Sentence Structure

Student Evaluation: Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

Class Participation: 50%
Quizzes/Tests: 50%

Grading Scale

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| 90-100% | =A |
| 80-89% | =B |
| 70-79% | =C |
| 60-69% | =D |
| Less than 60% | =E |