

## **Basic American Sign Language 101 for Elementary School Students**

**Students do NOT have to take 101, 102, 103 in any specific order.  
Each class covers individual topics.**

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<b>Grades:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Day of Week:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Time of Class:</b>	<b>3:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Length of Class:</b>	<b>10 Weeks</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>250.00</b>

### **Class Dates:**

Week 1: Week of October 4

Week 2: Week of October 11

Week 3: Week October 18

Week 4: Week of October 25

Week 5: Week of November 1

Week 6: Week of November 8

Week 7: Week of November 15

No classes: November 22 – November 26 (Thanksgiving Week)

Week 8: Week of November 29

Week 9: Week of December 6

Week 10: Week of December 13

Make Up Week: Week of January 3

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### **Description of Class:**

Do you have a student interested in learning a language that they can speak with their hands? Basic American Sign Language 101 is a class geared towards elementary-aged students, with a focus on vocabulary. Other aspects that will be taught include basic rules of ASL, conversational signs, and a simple understanding of Deaf history and culture.

### **Class Approach:**

Each week a new category of words will be taught. There will be games and activities to reinforce signs learned and the context in which they are used, practice signing skills, and overall make learning sign language fun!

### **Goals:**

By the end of the semester, students will be able to identify and produce the signs for many different words, hold a simple conversation in American Sign Language, and understand a basic history of ASL as well as Deaf culture.

### **Textbook:**

*The Gallaudet Children's Dictionary of American Sign Language*

Amazon link:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1563686317/ref=ox\\_sc\\_act\\_title\\_1?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1563686317/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

### **Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:**

Access to the following websites:

- Online dictionary (replaces the DVD from the book): <https://gcdasl.com/>
- <http://www.aslpro.cc/>

Notebook paper and a pen/pencil.

### **Requirements:**

Attendance each week is important for students to be able to review and learn new content. Practicing between classes is key to remembering what was learned and building signing skills. Completing weekly homework.

### **Weekly Homework:**

Each week homework will be assigned to enrich the learning experience. Assignments will include worksheets to be turned in, videos to watch, fun projects, and practice of signs learned.

### Homework Policy:

Assignments will be due by the start of the next week's class, unless otherwise stated by Mrs. Lavin.

### Additional Policies:

There may be times during class when the students will be asked to practice without using their voices. This is a fun way to help build both their signing and receptive skills.

### Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on their work based on their turned-in assignments and their participation each week in class.

### Grading Scale:

Class Attendance – 20 %

Class Participation – 40 %

Weekly Homework – 40 %

100 – 90 = A

89 – 80 = B

79 – 70 = C

69 – 60 = D

59 – 0 = F

### Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to ASL, Alphabet
Week 2	People, Pronouns
Week 3	Around the House
Week 4	Foods
Week 5	Clothes, Colors
Week 6	Opposites
Week 7	Numbers, Math, and Money
Week 8	School and Education
Week 9	Fun and Games
Week 10	Review