

## Top 5 Reasons to Learn ASL

5. ASL is a visual, vibrant language with its own set of rules and structure.
4. ASL incorporates facial grammar, hand shapes and body posturing.
3. ASL is the dominant language of the Deaf community. 500,000-2 million people in the US use it every day.
2. Sign language brings people who happen to be hearing and deaf together.
1. **Hearing family members can learn to have meaningful and authentic communication with their deaf child.**

### Deafness, Deaf Culture and the Deaf Community

People who are culturally Deaf are considered to be (1) audiotologically deaf or hard of hearing, (2) use sign language as their primary means of communication and (3) identify themselves with the larger cultural group known as the Deaf Community

The phrase "Deaf community" is more inclusive and is used to include hearing people who sign fluently.

### Other Sign Language Classes and Resources

#### Sign Language Classes

<http://www.kefdcc.org/education/sign-language-classes>

<http://www.olatheks.org/ParksRec>

<http://www.olathehealth.org/CourseCatalog/Wellness-And-Education>

<http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/index.php>

<http://www.soe.ku.edu/specialedu/>

#### Online Resources:

<http://www.aslpro.com/cgi-bin/aslpro/aslpro.cgi>

<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

<http://www.timetosign.com/?q=ourservices.html>

<http://www.deafmd.org/pub/Privacy-Policy>

<http://asl.bz/>

<http://teach-asl.blogspot.com/2007/02/asl-sports.html>

<http://www.needsoutreach.org/Pages/sign-math>.

<http://www.rit.edu/>

[html://ntid/sciencesigns/](http://ntid/sciencesigns/)

<http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/index.htm>

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Family, KSD Staff and  
Community  
American Sign  
Language Classes  
*Novice and  
Intermediate Level*  
Mondays  
and Thursdays  
March 19-April 26, 2012  
6:30-8:00p.m.  
NEW THIS SPRING  
Childcare for children  
3-5 years old



Kansas School for the Deaf  
Emery Elementary Building  
(West Entrance)  
440 E. Park Olathe, KS 66061  
**Register before  
March 2, 2012  
by calling 913.324.0600  
Space is limited**

## Our Purpose

Our main purpose in providing American Sign Language Classes is to encourage and enable natural, meaningful and authentic communication between children who are deaf and all of their hearing family members.

## Important Information

Due to the nature of the classes and everyone involved we ask that you consider the following commitment before registering:

- Commit to at least 8 out of 10 classes
- Practice in between classes
- Bring a 3 ring binder
- Parents with a child in the sibling class or child may need to assist at times
- If you have a student at KSD between the ages of 6-11 please indicate if you need dorm care
- New participants will not be added after March 22,
- Optional but very helpful:  
Purchase the book— "[Barron's American Sign Language The Easy Way](#)" - Second Edition at Borders Books, Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com

## A Typical Class

A typical class will involved a lecture type lesson with hands-on instruction, activities and homework.

The adult classes are limited to 20 per class.

The siblings class is limited to 15 per class.

## Who Can Attend?

- Adult family members of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing (attending KSD or not) - no charge
- Hearing siblings of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing-Ages 6-11-no charge
- Children between the ages of 3-5-no charge
- Deaf siblings who are already KSD students can go to the dorm with special permission during class
- Staff who work at KSD-no charge
- Community members-\$15.00 per person
- Priority will be given to families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing and KSD Staff
- Community members may be placed on a waiting list and we will notify you whether or not there is space in the classes

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## Register by calling 913.324.0600 and leave the following information:

-If you are a family member of an individual who is Deaf

-KSD staff person

-or a Community Member.

-The names of those you are registering and the ages of children for the sibling class, If you need dorm care and or childcare

-Your contact information

You will be contacted to verify your space in the Class and whether or not there is availability in the dorm by March 9.

## More Information

### About KSD

-The Kansas School for the Deaf is a Statewide resource on Deafness for all school districts.

-The Kansas School for the Deaf has students that attend from all over the State of Kansas.

-The Kansas School for the Deaf is a State Agency and there is no charge for students to attend KSD

-The Kansas School for the Deaf adheres to the same curricular standards that other schools do.

-The Kansas School for the Deaf provides a residential program for students who live too far away to commute and is free of charge.

-The Kansas School for the Deaf has a rigorous Athletic Program that all students can participate in.

-The Kansas School for the Deaf serves children and students 0- 21 years of age.

-Everyone from Administration to the Maintenance staff on the Kansas School for the Deaf Campus signs, providing continuous access to direct communication.