

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I

(for students 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

A beginning, practical hands-on course in ASL

Course will include:

- \*Finger-spelling
- \*Sign vocabulary
  - \*Deaf culture
  - \*Deaf idioms
- \*Some ASL syntax

Required resource book:

RANDOM HOUSE WEBSTER'S  
**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY**  
2008 Edition (paperback)  
by Elaine Costello, PhD

**Prerequisite:** Student must have a good handle on the English language.

**Supplies:** 1" 3-ring binder, with pockets, loose leaf paper, pen/pencil

**Homework:** 2-3 hours/week consisting of mostly memorization, practice and retention of the new sign vocabulary each week, plus some additional outside assignments, most of which require internet access.

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