



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



Edgar King

American Sign Language Teacher



Meet Edgar King



- ★ Whole family is deaf (wife, and children).
- ★ A proud alumni of Gallaudet University (the only deaf liberal arts university in the world in Washington, DC).
- ★ An avid outdoor hiker and traveler.
- ★ Once biked across America.

Course Overview



Welcome! In this course, students will utilize both receptive and expressive language skills in order to become confident & capable in using American Sign Language.

Topic of Study

- ★ Deaf History & Culture
- ★ Unit 1 Introducing Oneself
- ★ Unit 2 Exchanging Personal Information
- ★ Unit 3 Discussing Living Situations
- ★ Unit 4 Talking about Families
- ★ Storytelling

Virtual Classroom



- ★ *Platform: Zoom*- Our ASL classes will use Zoom for instruction daily.
- ★ *Learning Management System: Canvas* - All information in classes are all in Canvas. Students are to log in daily in order to access materials for class, announcements, homework, sign vocabulary words, and other resources.

ZOOM



APS is currently using Microsoft Teams for all their classes. However, APS has approved ZOOM use for American Sign Language classes for several reasons.

The video quality in ZOOM to see the signs are clearer and smoother than in MS Teams. It includes a feature where your child(ren) will be able to view the presentation slides & watch their teacher signing at the same time, as compared to no feature with MS Teams.

Another feature allows your child(ren) to be able to see other students & use signs with each other. That is essential for class discussions & working with peers.

CANVAS



Everything will be posted via Canvas.

All Google Slides will be posted after class that day.

All videos are there. Students are expected to know how to navigate through Canvas and find necessary files, such as Google Slides & videos.

A Typical Week



Mondays will be asynchronous - self-paced work.

Tuesdays through Fridays will be synchronous and on a block schedule - each class will meet every other day for 90 minutes.

On these days, each 90-minute class will meet for about 50 minutes of live virtual class time & 40 minutes of independent work.

Grading Policy



Formative Assessments

30%

- ★ 20% Classwork
- ★ 10% Cultural Participation

Summative Assessments

70%

- ★ 50% Tests
- ★ 20% Quizzes

Cultural Participation: ASL Guidelines



- ★ *Visual Awareness*
- ★ *Encourages a Strong ASL Environment*
- ★ *Respectful and Mature Facial Expressions*
- ★ *Asking for Clarification/Repetition/Time*
- ★ *Negotiating the Visual Environment*

Full Immersed ASL Classroom



In our Virtual Classroom this will be the only opportunity for students to authentically learn ASL, learn/practice their receptive & expressive skills. It will also be the students' only opportunity to interact in signing, and learn from their peers & teacher. So it is so important to use virtual classroom time wisely.

Extra Help?



Email me at

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Come to virtual office hours on Mondays
Using the Zoom link provided in Canvas.

Want to learn new signs?



To converse with your child and use signs to encourage them in learning ASL. Either find them on lifeprint.com or try the ASL APP on your phone.

I am more than happy to meet you during office hours or after to teach you a few signs too.

My goal this year..



I look forward to seeing your child grow in learning a new language, American Sign Language, and seeing how knowing ASL can lead to new life experiences and a skill that comes in handy. I hope they will come to appreciate the language, the deaf culture & community.

