

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1

Requirement area: **World Language, CTE or Elective**

Course code: FLA112

Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Length: Year long (1.0 credit)

Homework: 1-2 hours per week

Designator: NCAA

Description: This year-long course is an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL). ASL is the complex and natural existing language used by the Deaf. ASL I will introduce students to this visual / gestural language and to the Deaf community. In this class, students will learn vocabulary and basic grammar through natural everyday conversation, situations, and activities. The class will be taught in both large and small group settings and often in full immersion. Students must be able to maintain eye contact and be visually focused. Also, students will work regularly with recording devices (by uploading and downloading media) for portfolio purposes.

Note 1: *There are a few colleges that do not accept American Sign Language for their World Language entrance requirement. Make sure any college you are planning to attend accepts this language before registering.*

Note 2: *Some colleges require or encourage three years of World Language. ASL will only be offered for two years at MHS.*