



RMTC-D/HH

Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Are you ready to Learn American Sign Language (ASL)?

[Should All Deaf Children Learn Sign Language?](#), August 27, 2014, concluded the following: "There are no risks to learning sign language along with spoken language, but there are well-defined benefits."

Resources to Learn ASL

[FSDB Outreach ASL Interactive Online Classes](#)

This is offered several times throughout the school year at no cost. Limited space. First come first serve. It is an introduction to ASL and is 8 weeks long. Participants must have high-speed internet access.

[RMTCD-DHH Loan Library](#)

The Resource Materials and Technology Center offers a FREE-LOAN DVD library service for educators, speech-language pathologists, and interpreters of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The extensive collection includes DVDs and books.

- [Learn & Master Sign Language Series with Stacey Webb, MEd & Dr. Byron Bridges](#)
- "Basic Course in ASL" Lessons 1-14, + extra vocabulary. (1207-1211)
- "ASL Basics for Hearing Parents of Deaf Children" (1206)
- "Handy Stories to Read and Sign" (366)
- "Once Upon a Sign" teaches you how to read in ASL to a child. (396, 399, 400, 453, and 454)

[Described & Captioned Media Program](#)

Persons who are D/HH, staff working with the students, and their families can create free accounts to check out materials. Media can be streamed directly to your computer, smartphone, or tablet. DVDs can also be ordered to watch at home.

- ASL Training Resources in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

[Learn & Master Sign Language with Stacey Webb, MEd & Dr. Byron Bridges](#)

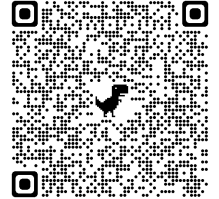
A comprehensive course of 25 DVDs to learn all about the art of this beautiful and expressive language. In each lesson, you will learn vocabulary, practice signing, and reception skills with sentences, questions, dialogues, and narratives. There are over 2000 vocabulary words. You will also learn about expansion features in ASL, fingerspelling, numbers, and facts about Deaf culture. *Try it before you buy it by checking it out of the [RMTCD-D/HH Loan Library](#).*

[Gallaudet University Basic Online ASL Class](#)

ASL Connect, through Gallaudet University, offers multiple ways to learn ASL. They have videos with basic ASL vocabulary, free online ASL lessons, for credit ASL courses, and even an ASL Summer Residency Program on campus.

[Start ASL Online Program](#)

There is a free self-study version and several levels of paid options with interactive support through Start ASL.





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Two Little Hands Productions DVDs and Online Media

- [SignIt ASL](#)
Online course for adults and kids ages 8+. *It is free for parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing whose child is ages 0-36 months.*
- [Signing Time](#) Try it before you buy it by checking it out of the [RMTCD/HH Loan Library](#) or [DCMP](#).
- [TreeSchoolers](#) Science curriculum for ages 2-6. Try it before you buy it by checking it out of the [RMTCD/HH Loan Library](#).

SignSchool

SignSchool is a free online learning platform for ASL. SignSchool's goal is to facilitate basic communication between the Deaf and hearing communities by providing a high-quality online platform for hearing people learning ASL.

American Sign Language University (ASLU) Online Program

A resource site for ASL students and teachers. This site has free resources for students to learn ASL on their own. Someone who is fluent in ASL could use all the materials to teach a class.

ASL Pro Online Program

This website has a large dictionary of signs, fingerspelling activities, a set of conversational phrases, lesson plans, and more. They each have a video to explain how the sign is to be performed.

ASL Inside

This website is designed to help you reach your ASL goals anytime and anywhere for all ages.

Sign Language 101

Learn American Sign Language online FREE

Local Community Resources

Every community is different, but sometimes you can find classes in the community. Check the following local places: college to audit, evening community education at a public school, church, and at an independent living resource center.

Research on Learning American Sign Language (ASL)

The [Visual Language and Visual Learning \(VL2\)](#) website provides information on research that supports learning ASL. Adding a visual language as a first or second language option for students who are D/HH ensures they have access to language.

DeafEd Express: Introduction to Deaf Education

An overview of educational approaches and settings will provide you with an overview of educational approaches for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, discuss some myths and misconceptions about people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and explain the required components for a student who is D/HH to be eligible for exceptional student education (ESE) services.

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