World Languages: Why Learn American Sign Language (ASL)?

Q&A

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Why Learn ASL?

- American Sign Language is fascinating and fun to learn.
- Learning ASL will improve your non-verbal (body language) communication, which research shows conveys more than 50% of our communication.
- American Sign Language is rapidly growing in popularity.
- Many states have passed laws recognizing American Sign as a complete language.
- American Sign Language is now accepted by many colleges and universities as the fulfillment of foreign language requirement in the United States.

American Sign Language in Business

- Mass media and television are now using ASL on a regular basis.
- Major employers (Disney World, Six Flags, Georgia Aquarium, etc.) are looking for applicants who are proficient in ASL, which will aid in their compliance with ADA.
- Local, state and federal employers are looking for applicants who are proficient in ASL for their communication needs.
- More Deaf children are being mainstreamed, which increases the need of ASL Interpreters and teachers for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

American Sign Language in the World

- American Sign Language can enable babies to communicate several months earlier than through spoken language alone.
- ASL will allow you to communicate with the Deaf community.
- ASL is widely used in America and Canada.

Which schools in Fulton County offer ASL?

- Webb Bridge MS

Is ASL offered in Fulton County Virtual School?

- Yes, ASL is offered via FVS.

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