

ASL/Sign Language Interpreter Pathway



The ASL/Sign Language Interpreter Pathway is a great program for students who have an interest in learning to communicate with our deaf community. **Students who complete 2 credits in this pathway will meet state ELA and Math testing requirements, and...**

- Develop proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL).
- Practice ASL communication and interpreting skills at school and deaf community events.
- Earn college credits which can be applied to college degree programs.
- Meet World Language credit requirements for 4-Year College/University admissions.

This CTE Pathway is a great fit for students who...

- ✓ Enjoy helping and working with people.
- ✓ Are good listeners and communicators.
- ✓ Enjoy being creative, expressive and imaginative.
- ✓ Have an interest in learning languages different than their own.
- ✓ Are interested in understanding deaf culture and interacting with the deaf community.

Start Your Pathway with 2 or more credits of Pathway courses

Then, After You Have Finished High School...

Finally, Begin Your Career!

Sample Plan for Career and College Readiness in this Pathway	
Grade 9	
English	
Math	
Science	
World History 9	Health
PE	Art
American Sign Language 1	
Grade 10	
English	
Math	
Social Studies	
Science	
PE	Art
American Sign Language 2	
Grade 11	
English	
Math	
US History	
Science	
Elective	Elective
American Sign Language 3	
Grade 12	
English	
Sr. Social Studies	
Personal Finance	PE
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective
American Sign Language 4	

Apply college credits earned in this Pathway directly into one of these partner college programs:

Lake WA Institute of Technology or Seattle Central Community College

- ASL 1 and 2 fulfill Associate Degree Humanities credit requirements.

Continue your training in another college program such as:

Spokane Community College

- Interpreter Training Certificate and Degree Programs

University of Washington

- College of Arts and Sciences: American Sign Language

Gallaudet University, Wash. DC

- American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Certificate and Degree programs

While ASL Skills are used in every profession, there are some jobs where Sign Language Interpretation is the focus of the work. The following are some of those jobs:

Jobs you can get with 2-Years Post-High School Training:

Sign Language Interpreter

Jobs you can get with 4 or more Years Post-High School Training:

Sign Language Interpreter
American Sign Language Instructor

For more information on these and other occupations related to this pathway, visit

<http://careerbridge.wa.gov/>



Pathway Courses and Descriptions

Pathway Courses	Grades	Length	Equivalencies	EWHS	MHS	LHS	MTHS	SLHS
American Sign Language (ASL) 1*	9-12	1 credit, Full Year	World Language	✓		✓	✓	
American Sign Language (ASL) 2*	10-12	1 credit, Full Year	World Language	✓		✓	✓	
American Sign Language (ASL) 3	11-12	2 credits, Full Year	World Language	✓		✓	✓	
American Sign Language (ASL) 4	11-12	2 credits, Full Year	World Language	✓		✓	✓	

✓ *Course is available at this school* * *College Credit Available*

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1

FLA101/102 (Year)

Grades 9-12

Equivalency: 1 credit World Language

Learn basic concepts of American Sign Language and gain fluency by engaging in dialogues and learning activities. The course focuses on vocabulary development, basic conversational strategies, grammatical features and an exploration of Deaf culture. Attending Deaf events is required each semester. **Students can earn college credit through this course.**

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2

FLA201/202 (Year)

Grades 10-12

Equivalency: 1 credit World Language

Prerequisite: ASL 1

Build upon concepts learned in ASL 1, including vocabulary development, basic conversational strategies, grammatical features and exploration of Deaf culture. Class performances and outside attendance at cultural events are required for this course. **Students can earn college credit through this course.**



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 3

FLA301/302 (Year);

EWHS only: FLA351/352 Honors (Year)

Grades 11-12

Equivalency: 1 credit World Language

Prerequisite: ASL 2

Students further develop expressive abilities using ASL. Explore ASL related careers, and create an interpreter portfolio that can be used in applying to an interpreter training program. Class performances and outside attendance at cultural events are required for this course.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 4

FLA401/402 (Year); at EWHS only:

FLA451/452 Honors

Grades 11-12

Equivalency: 1 credit World Language

Prerequisite: ASL 3

Review of the grammar essentials with the emphasis on building vocabulary, conversational skills, and introduction to literature, including drama, prose, and poetry. Students may complete community service and job shadow activities.

