

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 3 HONORS

Course Number	5799
Department	Foreign Language
Length of Course	One (1) year / Two (2) semesters
Grade Level	11 - 12
Credit	5 units per semester/10 total units/fine arts or elective credit
Pre-requisites	Successful Completion of American Sign Language 2 or approval of teacher
Repeatable	Not repeatable for credit
Board Approved	June 2, 2005

Description of Course - Students in American Sign Language 3 will learn a continuum of signs, grammar, finger spelling, and the cultural aspects of deafness. Students will continue to learn communication as well as song signing. A commitment from the student is mandatory in order to properly learn the language. Activities will include but not be limited to: working individually, in pairs or in groups; role playing; skits; songs; and presentations. In addition to written homework, students are expected to study/practice the language outside the classroom on a daily basis. Students will also be required to complete a book report and attend one out-of-class function per semester. This course is aligned to the standards for foreign language with the five goal areas specified by the National Foreign Language Standards and meets the University of California admissions requirements.

Rationale for Course - A key element to our success in the current world is the ability to speak other peoples' languages and to function with people from other cultures. American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most widely used language in the United States behind English and Spanish. ASL is a fully developed language with it's own syntactical and grammatical structure and is not a derivative of English. The study of the Deaf culture is rich and abundant.

Stages of Learning -

Beginning Stage - Students can communicate with memorized signs and phrases. Expressing basic wants and needs is accomplished with simple statements such as "I want to go to the movies".

Developing Stage - Students are not only able to express basic wants and needs but can also elaborate on them. For example, "I want to go to the movies with my friends on Friday, but I don't have any money".