



Placement Guide Based on Rubric Scores

Scoring Method

- Rubric has 5 categories (Expressive, Receptive, Vocabulary, Fingerspelling, Grammar).
- Each category is worth **1–4 points**.
- Maximum possible score: **20 points**.

0–7 points → Beginner (Level 1)

- Student struggles with vocabulary recall and basic communication.
- Limited receptive and expressive skills.
- **ASLdeafined Placement:** Beginner (start fresh with core signs, fingerspelling, and basic grammar).

8–11 points → Intermediate (Level 2)

- Student can understand some basic conversations but with frequent errors.
- Vocabulary knowledge is partial; grammar is inconsistent.
- **ASLdeafined Placement:** Intermediate (review basics, start expanding sentence structure and vocabulary themes).

12–15 points → Advanced (Level 3)

- Student signs with moderate fluency and can follow most conversations.
- Still has occasional grammar/vocabulary gaps.
- **ASLdeafined Placement:** Advanced (focus on classifiers, story retelling, and cultural context).

16–18 points → Advanced Plus (Level 4)

- Student is confident in both expressive and receptive skills.
- Some small weaknesses in speed, nuance, or complex grammar.
- **ASLdeafined Placement:** Advanced Plus (emphasize nuanced grammar, cultural readings, idiomatic expressions, and longer discourse).

19–20 points → Level 5 (Highest)

- Student demonstrates strong fluency and grammar awareness.
- Understands authentic signing at near-native pace.
- **ASLdeafined Placement:** Level 5 (advanced discourse, Deaf culture projects, interpreting-like practice, full narratives).