



ASLdeafined

Advanced Level 3 Curriculum Guide

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ACTFL Target: Intermediate Low

Welcome Letter

Welcome to ASLdeafined. Since 2008, our mission has been to make American Sign Language and Deaf Culture accessible to learners of all ages. Through authentic instruction, engaging resources, and meaningful cultural experiences, ASLdeafined helps bridge communication between Deaf and hearing communities.

Advanced Level 3 moves students beyond everyday communication and introduces topics related to careers, healthcare, relationships, travel, government, culture, science, technology, and community life. Students continue developing receptive, expressive, interpersonal, and presentational communication skills while strengthening their understanding of Deaf Culture and community perspectives.

This curriculum guide was created to support teachers as they implement a structured, engaging, and standards-informed ASL program. Each unit builds upon previous learning and helps students progress toward ACTFL Intermediate Low proficiency.

Throughout this curriculum, students will encounter stories, conversations, and lessons presented by Deaf storytellers and content developers. These are authentic Deaf people...not supplemental add-ons, but central to the learning experience. We believe students learn ASL best when they learn it from the Deaf community.

Thank you for helping students develop communication skills that can create meaningful connections and greater accessibility within their communities.

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Course Description

Advanced Level 3 expands students' communication skills beyond everyday interactions and introduces vocabulary, concepts, and conversations related to society, education, careers, business, health, government, travel, culture, science, technology, and the environment. Students continue developing receptive, expressive, interpersonal, and presentational communication skills through authentic ASL conversations, stories, cultural discussions, grammar instruction, translation activities, and real-world communication experiences.

Recommended Grade Levels Grades 7–12

Course Length Full Year Course

ACTFL Target Intermediate Low

Expected Growth Novice High to Intermediate Low

Course Outcomes

Receptive Skills

- Understand longer signed presentations and narratives.
- Identify key details from signed conversations.
- Recognize increasingly complex vocabulary in context.
- Interpret information related to community, culture, careers, and society.

Expressive Skills

- Present information on a variety of familiar topics.
- Describe experiences, opinions, and events in greater detail.
- Compare, explain, and discuss real-world concepts.
- Demonstrate increased fluency and confidence.

Interpersonal Skills

- Participate in extended conversations.
- Exchange opinions and information.
- Ask follow-up questions and clarify meaning.
- Communicate with increasing independence.

Cultural Competency

- Discuss Deaf Culture and accessibility.
- Identify influential Deaf leaders.
- Explore advocacy and community issues.
- Demonstrate culturally appropriate communication behaviors.

Year at a Glance

Unit	Theme	Primary Focus
Unit 1	Communication, Language & Society	Communication, education, social media, opinions, and cultural concepts.
Unit 2	Careers, Business & Professional Life	Careers, economics, business, government, and workplace communication.
Unit 3	Health, Human Services & Community Support	Healthcare, emergency situations, public services, and community support.
Unit 4	Personal Growth, Relationships & Life Experiences	Friendship, relationships, emotions, marriage, and life experiences.
Unit 5	Travel, Geography & Cultural Experiences	Travel, geography, celebrations, Deaf Culture, and cultural traditions.
Unit 6	Science, Nature & Environment	Science, technology, weather, animals, food, transportation, and environmental topics.

Unit 1: Communication, Language & Society

Essential Question

How does communication influence society?

Unit Overview

Students explore communication, education, culture, and the role language plays in shaping communities. Through discussions, stories, readings, and cultural exploration, students examine how communication impacts relationships, education, technology, and society.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- Communication Terms
- Opinions
- Social Media
- Internet
- Educational Terms 1
- Educational Terms 2
- School 2
- Graduation
- Various Cultural Terms

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Verbs 13	Communication Access
Antonyms & Synonyms 13	Deaf Leadership
Multiple Meanings: LOOK	Educational Opportunities
Translation Practice 48–50	Deaf Community Perspectives

Featured Resources

- School Friends by Levi 4
- New Book by Travis
- CJ Jones
- Kenny Walker
- Dennis Cokely
- Ben Bragg

Suggested Assessment

Communication in Society Presentation

Unit 2: Careers, Business & Professional Life

Essential Question

How do careers and workplaces impact society?

Unit Overview

Students learn vocabulary and concepts related to professions, economics, financial literacy, government, and workplace communication. Students explore career opportunities and the role of communication in professional environments.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- Professionals 4
- Professionals 5
- Office Supplies
- Business Names
- Economic Terms
- Financial Terms
- Money 5
- Money 6
- State Government
- Sociology

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Verbs 14	Deaf Professionals
Antonyms & Synonyms 14	Workplace Accessibility
Location Quiz 8	Career Development
Handshake Quiz 9	Interpreter Profession
Translation Practice 51–53	

Featured Resources

- Interpreter by Justin
- Timber by Justin

Suggested Assessment

Career Research Presentation

Unit 3: Health, Human Services & Community Support

Essential Question

How do communities care for and support people?

Unit Overview

Students explore healthcare, emergency services, community support systems, and human service professions. Emphasis is placed on communication accessibility within healthcare and community environments.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- Medical Terms
- Medical Emergencies
- Nurses (Office)
- The Hospital 2
- Firefighters 2
- Religion 3

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Verbs 15	Healthcare Accessibility
Adverbs 3	Community Services
Time 7	Emergency Communication
Multiple Meanings: HAVE	Inclusion and Support
Translation Practice 54–57	

Featured Resources

- Diabetes Story
- Dentist Joe 1
- Dentist Joe 2
- DB Jill G. Part 1
- DB Jill G. Part 2

Suggested Assessment

Community Services Presentation

Unit 4: Personal Growth, Relationships & Life Experiences

Essential Question

How do life experiences shape who we become?

Unit Overview

Students discuss relationships, emotions, life events, personal experiences, and personal growth. Students develop the ability to share narratives and discuss meaningful life experiences using ASL.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- Friendship 2
- Feelings 3
- Marriage
- Life Events 2

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Verbs 16	Personal Identity
Antonyms & Synonyms 15	Family Relationships
Multiple Meanings: MISS	Community Connections
Time 8	Storytelling Traditions
Translation Practice 58–60	

Featured Resources

- Favorite Season by Justin 5
- Deaf Bus Boy
- Cookie the Bad Dog
- Car Ride by Justin 6
- Laughing While Eating

Suggested Assessment

Life Journey Narrative

Unit 5: Travel, Geography & Cultural Experiences

Essential Question

How do travel and cultural experiences broaden our perspectives?

Unit Overview

Students explore geography, travel, cultural celebrations, and regional differences while developing the ability to discuss locations, destinations, experiences, and cultural traditions.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- States 2
- States with Territories 3
- The World!
- Airport
- Big Sporting Events
- St. Patrick's Day
- Juneteenth
- Post Office
- Deaf Culture 10
- Deaf Culture 11
- Deaf Culture 12
- De'VIA

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Antonyms & Synonyms 16	Deaf Art and Expression
Multiple Meanings: FINISH	Deaf Education
Location Quizzes 9–10	Cultural Celebrations
Handshape Quizzes 10–11	Community History
Translation Practice 61–64	

Featured Resources

- Hotel by Jonelle 9
- Downtown by Jonelle 8
- RIT/NTID by Justin 4
- Martha's Vineyard
- De'VIA

Suggested Assessment

Travel and Culture Presentation

Unit 6: Science, Nature & Environment

Essential Question

How does the natural world influence our lives?

Unit Overview

Students investigate science, technology, weather, nature, food systems, and environmental topics while expanding their ability to discuss observations, experiences, processes, and real-world issues.

ASLdeafined Lessons

- Science 1
- Science 2
- Astronomy Terms
- The Ocean
- Animals 2
- Weather 2
- Camping
- Technology
- Food 6
- Food 7
- Coffee & Tea
- Cooking
- Menu Items 2
- Desserts
- Car Parts 1
- Car Parts 2

Grammar Focus	Deaf Culture Focus
Classifier 1	Technology and Accessibility
Identify Classifier Types	Innovation
Fingerspelling 6	Environmental Awareness
Location Quiz 11	Lifelong Learning
Handshape Quiz 12	
Translation Practice 65–68	

Featured Resources

- Cure for Cold by Jonelle 7
- Chef Matthew
- Mowing Grass by Justin 2

Suggested Assessment

Environmental or Science Research Presentation

Grammar Progression

Unit	Grammar Targets
Unit 1	Verbs 13 Antonyms & Synonyms 13 Multiple Meanings: LOOK Translation Practice 48–50
Unit 2	Verbs 14 Antonyms & Synonyms 14 Location Quiz 8 Handshape Quiz 9 Translation Practice 51–53
Unit 3	Verbs 15 Adverbs 3 Time 7 Multiple Meanings: HAVE Translation Practice 54–57
Unit 4	Verbs 16 Antonyms & Synonyms 15 Multiple Meanings: MISS Time 8 Translation Practice 58–60
Unit 5	Antonyms & Synonyms 16 Multiple Meanings: FINISH Location Quizzes 9–10 Handshape Quizzes 10–11 Translation Practice 61–64
Unit 6	Classifier 1 Identify Classifier Types Fingerspelling 6 Location Quiz 11 Handshape Quiz 12 Translation Practice 65–68

Deaf Culture Progression

Unit	Culture Targets and Featured Resources
Unit 1	Communication Access Deaf Leadership Educational Opportunities Deaf Community Perspectives Featured: School Friends by Levi 4 New Book by Travis CJ Jones, Kenny Walker, Dennis Cokely, Ben Bragg
Unit 2	Deaf Professionals Workplace Accessibility Career Development Interpreter Profession Featured: Interpreter by Justin & Timber by Justin
Unit 3	Healthcare Accessibility Community Services Emergency Communication Inclusion and Support Featured: Diabetes Story, Dentist Joe 1 & 2, DB Jill G. Part 1 & 2
Unit 4	Personal Identity Family Relationships Community Connections Storytelling Traditions Featured: Favorite Season by Justin 5, Deaf Bus Boy, Cookie the Bad Dog, Car Ride by Justin 6, Laughing While Eating
Unit 5	Deaf Art and Expression Deaf Education Cultural Celebrations Community History Featured: Hotel by Jonelle 9, Downtown by Jonelle 8, RIT/NTID by Justin 4, Martha's Vineyard, De'VIA, Deaf Culture 10–12
Unit 6	Technology and Accessibility Innovation Environmental Awareness Lifelong Learning Featured: Cure for Cold by Jonelle 7, Chef Matthew, Mowing Grass by Justin 2

Assessment Framework

Assessment should include a balance of receptive, expressive, interpersonal, grammar, and cultural tasks.

Assessment Area	Examples
Receptive	Story comprehension, video interpretation, vocabulary recognition, cultural readings, signed narratives
Expressive	Presentations, narratives, research projects, translation activities, descriptions
Interpersonal	Conversations, interviews, discussions, role-play activities, question-and-answer exchanges
Grammar	Translation Practice 48–68, advanced reviews, quizzes, classifier activities
Cultural	Deaf Culture discussions, accessibility reflections, Deaf leader research, cultural projects

End-of-Course Expectations

Students completing Advanced Level 3 should demonstrate ACTFL Intermediate Low proficiency and be able to:

- Participate in extended conversations.
- Present information to an audience.
- Discuss opinions and experiences.
- Apply ASL grammar appropriately.
- Demonstrate increasing cultural awareness.

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About ASLdeafined

Founded in 2008, ASLdeafined provides comprehensive American Sign Language instruction for schools, colleges, libraries, businesses, families, and independent learners.

ASLdeafined Features for Teachers

Curriculum & Instruction

- Complete ASL curriculum from Beginner through Advanced levels
- Over 800 structured lessons
- ACTFL-aligned lesson plans
- Daily instructional resources
- Vocabulary-based learning system
- Expressive signing activities
- Translation activities
- Lesson reviews and assessments
- Answer keys provided
- Ready-to-use classroom materials

Classroom Management

- Create and manage classes
- Add unlimited students
- Share class enrollment links
- Monitor student progress
- View student completion rates
- Access student scores
- Track assignment completion
- Review student activity history

Assessment Tools

- Vocabulary assessments
- Lesson reviews
- Progress monitoring
- Performance tracking
- Student completion reports
- Instant scoring and feedback

Teacher Resource Library

- Lesson plans
- ACTFL Can-Do statements
- Grammar resources
- Deaf Culture activities
- Fingerspelling resources
- Classroom activities
- Bell work and warm-ups
- Exit tickets
- Authentic assessments
- Presentation ideas

- Role-play activities
- Famous Deaf People resources
- Cultural discussion topics
- Cross-curricular activities
- Student engagement activities

Customization

- Create custom lessons
- Edit existing teacher-created lessons
- Share lessons with students
- Copy and modify lessons
- Organize curriculum based on classroom needs

Technology Integration

- ClassLink Single Sign-On
- Canvas integration
- Schoology integration
- Web-based access
- Mobile app access
- Available 24/7

Administrative Benefits

- Teacher accounts included at no cost with student subscriptions
- No software installation required
- Cloud-based platform
- Easy implementation
- Minimal training required

ASLdeafined Features for Students

Learning Platform

- Access to Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Advanced Plus, and Level 5 content
- Over 800 themed lessons
- Learn at your own pace
- Available 24/7
- Accessible on computers, tablets, and phones

Video Dictionary

- Over 18,000 ASL video entries
- Searchable dictionary
- Multiple sign variations
- Synonym support
- Regional sign exposure

Vocabulary Development

- Structured vocabulary lessons
- Themed lessons
- Academic vocabulary
- Everyday conversation vocabulary
- Career-related vocabulary
- Cultural vocabulary

Interactive Learning

- Retention exercises
- Multiple-choice activities
- Matching activities
- Translation activities
- Review exercises
- Immediate feedback

Progress Tracking

- Progress charts
- Lesson completion tracking
- Score tracking
- Visual learning progress indicators
- Completed lesson checkmarks

Language Development

- ASL grammar lessons
- Fingerspelling practice
- Receptive skills development
- Expressive skills development
- Translation practice
- Conversation skills

Cultural Learning

- Deaf Culture resources
- Famous Deaf People
- Deaf History content
- Community awareness activities
- Cultural etiquette resources

Personalized Learning

- Favorite vocabulary feature
- My Vocabulary feature
- Search tools
- Lesson recommendations
- Self-paced instruction

Mobile App Features

- Learn anywhere
- Access lessons on the go
- Dictionary access
- Progress tracking
- Vocabulary review
- Activity completion

Student Benefits

- Instant feedback
- Independent learning opportunities
- Reinforcement outside of class
- Unlimited review opportunities
- Supports visual learning styles
- Builds confidence in ASL communication

Why Schools Choose ASLdeafined

- Authentic ASL instruction
- Developed by Deaf and ASL education professionals
- Affordable pricing
- Teacher accounts included with student subscriptions
- ACTFL-aligned curriculum
- Over 18,000 ASL dictionary videos
- Over 800 lessons
- Mobile app included
- LMS integration available
- Trusted by hundreds of schools, colleges, libraries, and organizations nationwide

ASLdeafined provides a complete ASL learning ecosystem where teachers gain powerful classroom management and instructional tools while students receive engaging, self-paced access to authentic American Sign Language and Deaf Culture resources.