

# Family Signs Kansas



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Family Signs Kansas?

Family Signs Kansas (FSK) is a program offered by the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) that provides free, virtual American Sign Language (ASL) classes for families with children (ages birth to 21 years) who are deaf/hard of hearing in the state of Kansas. FSK classes are designed to bridge the communication gap between deaf/hard of hearing children and their family and friends..

### Who is Eligible?

FSK classes are open to families of children (ages birth to 21 years) who are deaf/hard of hearing, live in Kansas and are unable to attend on-campus ASL classes at the Kansas School for the Deaf due to distance.

### Can Family Members Participate?

Yes! Parents and guardians are welcome to invite their child's family and friends to join the class. In fact, we encourage it! Broadening your child's circle of ASL-speaking family and friends can help foster inclusion, deeper connection, and a language-rich environment for your child.

### What are Classes Like?

FSK classes are virtual and offered free of cost from the comfort of your own home! All you need is high-speed internet, a webcam, and a willingness to learn. Typically, classes are between 30-45 minutes long and occur on a weekly basis at a day and time most convenient for the family and their instructor.

Classes take an immersion-based learning approach designed to support anyone interested in learning ASL to communicate with their deaf/hard of hearing child. Whether you're new to ASL or simply looking to improve your fluency, FSK can help you.

### How Do I Register or Learn More?

To request more details or register for classes, please contact FSK Coordinator Carol Lounsbury via email ([clounsbury@kansasdeaf.gov](mailto:clounsbury@kansasdeaf.gov)).

