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The Willie Ross School for the Deaf, founded in 1967, is a private, non-profit, Chapter 766-approved school for the deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Programs range from early childhood through high school for students aged 3 to 22.

The Outreach Division offers Early Intervention services for deaf and hard-of-hearing children, 0 to 3 years of age.

The goal of the program is to facilitate communication among hearing, hard-of-hearing, and deaf individuals.

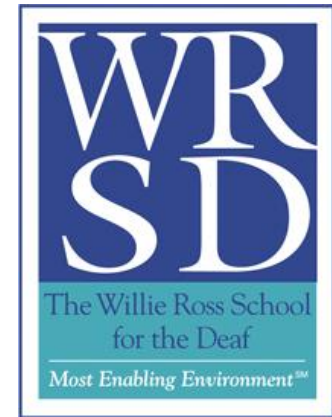


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WILLIE ROSS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

**Outreach Division**  
**Sign Language Classes**  
**Fall & Spring Sessions**  
**2014 - 2015**



*Founded by parents...providing excellence in  
education, one child at a time*

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## Terms:

**Fall** - September 9 - December 16, 2014  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
14 weeks

**\*\*There will be no class on November 11, 2014**

**Spring** - February 24 - June 2, 2015  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
14 weeks

**\*\*There will be no class on April 21, 2015**

**Classes meet Tuesday evenings on the  
Longmeadow Campus.**

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**Registration:** \$140.00 per term

1. By mail
2. In person at the Longmeadow Campus, Cooley Administration Building, Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.
3. At the school building, Founders Classroom Building, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the evening of the first class of each term.

**Forms can also be downloaded at our website:**

## Registration Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Willie Ross employee?

Yes (please check) *(fee for class will be waived)*

Are you an East Longmeadow Public School employee?

Yes (please check) *(fee for class will be waived)*

### Please Circle Your Class Selection

Beginner                      Advanced Beginner

Intermediate                Advanced Conversation

*Final determination of placement will be made by the school. In case of class changes, please see the Head Teacher or Coordinator to request assistance.*

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_

Textbook: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

“Signing, How to Speak with your Hands”, by Elaine Costello, revised edition \$19.00.

Books may be purchased at registration, or at anytime in the Cooley Administration Building, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ATTEND.** We do not provide child care.

## Course Description

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Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Intermediate levels will be presented using a simultaneous communication approach.

### **Beginner’s Class**

For students who have no previous experience in sign language or fingerspelling. Students will learn the manual alphabet and to combine words to form simple sentences.

### **Advanced Beginner’s Class**

For students who have some knowledge of sign language and who have learned how to fingerspell. Students will increase vocabulary, improve speed and accuracy in the use of the manual alphabet and develop the ability to use everyday expressions and conduct brief conversations.

### **Intermediate Class**

For students who possess a strong basic sign language vocabulary and fluency in expressive and receptive communication. Emphasis will be on development of vocabulary and conversation.

### **Advanced Conversation**

The emphasis of the class is on conversational skills. Review and utilization of vocabulary presented in Beginner-Intermediate classes will take place in the context of conversations. Non-manual behaviors (such as eye gaze, facial expressions, body position), idioms and expressions from American Sign Language will be incorporated into conceptually correct English word order.

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Certificates will be issued, based upon three or fewer absences.

**Refunds must be requested in writing within 5 days of the last class attended.**

- After one class—80% refund
- After two classes—50% refund
- No refunds after three classes