

Project Summary

Purpose

Our purpose for this video is to raise the awareness of the deaf and hard of hearing. We want to narrow the gap between the hearing world and the world of the deaf. We want to unify the youth of our school so the deaf students would not feel isolated. Deaf people communicate with each other by using American Sign Language, a visual language. The hearing students at school do not understand the language and feel as though the deaf education students are unapproachable. Our purpose is to close the gap between students and bring awareness to this issue.

Relationship to FCAS

- Apply communication skills in school, community and workplace settings and with diverse populations.
- Describe needs and accommodations for people with a variety of conditions that could affect their wellbeing.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills that support individuals and families with a variety of conditions that could affect their well-being.
- Analyze the influences of life events on individuals' physical, emotional, moral and cognitive development.
- Analyze the role of educational, family and social services support systems and resources in meeting human growth and developmental needs.
- Analyze processes for building and maintaining interpersonal relationships.
- Analyze strategies to overcome communication barriers in family, community and work settings.
- Analyze the roles and functions of communications in family, work, and community settings.
- Demonstrate strategies that utilize the strengths and minimize the limitations of team members.
- Demonstrate techniques that develop team and community spirit.
- Demonstrate processes for cooperating, compromising, and collaborating.

Relevant Research & Background Information

There is only about 15 deaf education students out of the 5,911 students in CISD which is about 0.25% of deaf students to hearing students. Which is less than 1 percent of the students across the school district. As you can see there is not a lot of deaf students because there is very little access to communication here.

Goal

1. Prepare an informative video about issues concerning communication between the deaf education students of Corsicana Independent School District and the community members of Corsicana.
2. Increase awareness of American Sign Language.
3. Create a video presentation that actively demonstrates our knowledge, skill, and abilities to identify and advocate an issue.
4. Narrow the communication gap in our community while creating a welcoming environment for deaf education students.