

American Sign Language Teachers Association – Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter



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CIRCLE THESE DATES!



DFW-ASLTA
MINI-CONFERENCE
More details coming soon



University of Texas
at Arlington

Out with the Old, In with the New: ASL Instruction in 2014

Three special guest speakers from Texas Foreign Language Association, American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages, and American Sign Language Teachers Association are coming to share information and updates with us.

More details coming soon

We are pleased to have a very special guest presenter Dr. Byron Bridges with us at this conference.



More details coming soon

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

*An evening entertainment with
Dr. Byron Bridges*

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Saturday evening
April 5, 2014
7:00 PM
UT Arlington
Nedderman Hall 100

More details coming soon

General Schedule for DFW-ASLTA Mini-Conference (subject to adjustments)

List of Presenters and their presentation titles / information will be announced in February 2014 flyer.
Presentations will focus mainly on various uses of technology in ASL courses.

★Sign up & receive 1.5 CEU/15 hours CPE from UT Arlington / Dept. of Continuing Education★

Friday 12 noon to 1 PM

Registration
Teaching Tip #1: "Interactive Bingo"

Friday 1 PM – 5:30 PM

Presentations (to be announced)
Teacher Exchange #1
"ASL Buzz Words" by Dr. Byron Bridges
Teacher Exchange #2
Supper

Friday evening 7 PM – 9 PM

"Seminar for ASL 1 & 2 Teaching" by Dr. Byron Bridges

Saturday morning 8 AM – 12:30 PM

Breakfast
Three Organization Representatives (to be announced)
"Deaf Tend Yours, Revisited" by Dr. Byron Bridges
Lunch
Teacher Exchange #3
DFW-ASLTA General Meeting

Saturday afternoon 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Presentations (to be announced)
Teacher Exchange #4
Supper

Saturday evening 7 PM – 9 PM (Open to public)
"For Your Eyes Only" by Dr. Byron Bridges

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DFW-ASLTA APRIL 2014 MINI-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

★ NOTE TO CURRENT MEMBERS:

For those who already filled out the member profile, send us an email indicating your interest in attending the mini-conference and you will be given instructions to go directly to registration. Be sure to inform DFW-ASLTA of any changes in YOUR member profile as this could affect your receiving DFW-ASLTA email.

★ NOTE TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET MEMBERS:

You do need to become member to register for the conference. Go to www.dfw-aslta.org and click on DFW-ASLTA Membership that includes a short form and PayPal link to pay the membership fee of \$25.00. Upon completion, you can go directly to the April 2014 Mini-Conference.

★ LETTER: RELEASE FROM TEACHING FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH letter from the Allen ISD Director of Staff Development and Curriculum

At the end of this flyer, see the letter explaining the value of this mini conference for professional growth. You can share this with your department chair, principal, or professional growth/development coordinator as it will help them justify the time release from your class. As each campus is different, find out and follow their procedure for arrangements.

★ CEU / CPE FEES

The CEU/CPE fee (\$23) is separate from the registration and goes directly to UTA Dept. of Continuing Education. Upon completion of the 15 hours of participation, a certificate will be sent to you at your address that you provided on your form.

★ REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee includes a certificate of participation, all presentations and handouts (as provided by the presenters), registration packet, four meals (Friday supper, Friday night social after the last presentation, light Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday supper), some snacks, admission to Dr. Byron Bridges' Saturday night entertainment, and Saturday night social after the entertainment).

Upon completing your registration, you will receive an invoice from PayPal as a proof of your registration.

Deadlines for registration	DFW-ASLTA members only
Regular Registration..... February 15 to March 7	\$160
Late registration..... March 7 to March 27	\$170
Online registration closed... March 28	-----
At Door Registration..... April 4 only	\$180
Certificate for 1.5 CEU / 15 CPE hours	\$23

NOTE: The above registration fees are very good and includes more features compared to the following:

TEXAS FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (TFLA) At their recent conference, for the early bird registration it was a total of \$160 to \$210 (not including membership). This includes only two lunches and a reception. Regular registration was higher.

TEXAS SOCIETY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF (TSID) At their recent conference, for the early bird registration it was \$195 to \$225 for members and \$250 to \$335 for non-members. This includes a reception and only two meals (lunch and banquet). Regular registration was higher.



ALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 29, 2014

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Lisa Casto, Director of Staff Development and Curriculum for Allen Independent School District. We know that teacher quality is critical as we all focus on student success. Improving teaching and learning is best accomplished through staff development. It is a belief of Allen ISD to support all teachers in their staff development, whether it is built into the district calendar or it is achieved through outside workshops and conferences. With that said, Allen ISD fully supports any teacher who has found outside development hours offered during contract hours and does not penalize any teacher who chooses to further his/her own education in order to best fit student needs. I know that you will join me in applauding the efforts of American Sign Language teachers in organizing an ASL Conference.

In Allen ISD, when a teacher requests to attend a workshop or conference, the first step he/she takes is to request to have the day to attend from his/her principal. Once this is approved by the principal, the teacher may go into our substitute teacher system and fill out his/her request for the day off. Instead of taking a "Personal" or "Local Sick" day, the teacher has the option to choose "Staff Development", which has no effect on "Personal" or "Local Sick" days. This option does not penalize the teacher in any way. This is one way that we, as districts and administrators can support teaching and learning for our ASL teachers.

The end result is that the teacher will attend the staff development and use new knowledge gained from the workshop or conference in the classroom. This will better his/her teaching and lead to greater student success. In Allen, student success is always our top priority, and we believe that allowing teachers time to become more educated in their field leads to student success. I hope you will allow your teacher to attend this conference.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Casto
Director of Staff Development and Curriculum
Allen Independent School District