High School math teachers Mr. Loren Frick and Mrs. Jill Carper taught geometry students how to find the area of a triangle on a grid. As shown, since the triangle did not have a base or height, we could not use the formula $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$. There are several methods to calculate the area.

**Method One: Triangle Inside a Rectangle**
1. Find the area of the rectangle
2. Calculate the area of each outside triangle.

   Subtract all three outside triangles from the area of the rectangle to find the area of the inside triangle.

**Method Two: Rearranging Pieces of the Squares**
Students were divided into pairs and given a copy of the triangle. They had to figure out how to cut and paste pieces and make them into whole units. Eventually each pair of students had different arrangements of whole units and still came up with the same answer: 11 square units.

**Method 3: Formula**
After the hands-on activity, the students learned the formula $\frac{1}{2} |x_1y_2 - x_2y_1|$ to directly find the area of the triangle. They applied the formula to the same triangle and still came up with 11 square units. They used this formula for the rest of their lesson.

—Thank you to Loren and Jill for this article!
Board of Education Visit

GSD welcomed Georgia Board of Education member Mr. Matt Donaldson for a tour of the campus last week. Mr. Donaldson spoke with various members of the staff and visited some classrooms.

Photo: Mr. Donaldson with Willbo, Raybon, Nolan, and Tramaine.

Georgia Parent Survey

It is time for the annual Georgia Parent Survey! This important survey contributes to GSD’s School Climate Star Rating (along with the Student Health Survey and School Personnel Survey), which is part of our College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI). The survey only takes a few minutes (24 questions) and can be done on any device. The survey is available in English and Spanish and is open until March 11.

Directions: Go to https://gshs.gadoe.org/parents and choose your preferred language. For DISTRICT, choose STATE SCHOOLS and then you will be able to choose GSD as SCHOOL (see picture➡️).

The link is also available on our website. We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is valuable and will help us improve GSD to better serve your child.

Georgia School Parent Survey

Select District ✗ 1
State Schools [799]

Select School ✗ 1
Georgia School for the Deaf [799-1895]

Jane Grace

I would like to give a ‘shout out’ to Jane Grace. She is our paraprofessional for the 1st–3rd grades class. We have a large group of energetic students who keep us on our toes each day. Jane is never late. She is always ready to step up and take care of a need without hesitation. She is dedicated and the students are able to freely communicate their needs with her.

She has a heart of compassion and nurtures each student which gives them a sense of security in our classroom. Jane is a huge asset to the teachers as a Deaf person. She is actively involved during instruction time by providing the best sign for new vocabulary. She provides support for our students during classwork by helping them to understand concepts and/or directions. Jane is a valuable team member. I appreciate the work she has done here at GSD. Thank you, Jane, for all you do.

—Sandy Wimpy

PARAPROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT
Camp Juliena 2022
Summer Camp for Deaf / Hard of Hearing Youth

Camp Juliena is back for 2022 at a beautiful new location! Join us this summer for activities, friends, and fun!
- Arts and Crafts
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Campfire
and much more!

This year camp will be on July 17 - 22 in Covington, GA at the FFA FHA Campground
Registration is open for Deaf or Hard of Hearing children ages 6 - 13 Fill out the application on our website: gcdhh.org/youthprograms Questions? Feel free to reach out to us! Phone: 888-257-9461 Email: campjuliena@gdhh.org

The NTID Regional STEM Center is hosting 4 FREE camps this summer for Deaf and hard of hearing High School Students! Space is limited to apply NOW at https://www.ntl.org/Page/3934.

STEM Academy - June 12-July 2, 2022
Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Will you be in grades 9-12 in the fall of 2022? Are you at least 15 years old? (14 years old may be accepted on a case by case basis) Are you interested in science, technology, engineering, and/or math? Are you confident in your science and math skills? Would you like to learn about a possible career in Robotics, Engineering, Cybersecurity, or Marine Biology?
If yes, then the STEM Academy Camp may be for you! You can choose to attend one, two, or all camps!

MarineLab Camp (Key Largo, FL) - This camp is limited to Southeast region residents only
June 12-18, 2022

STEM in Agriculture (Huntsville, AL)
June 19-25, 2022

GenCyber Camp (Huntsville, AL)
June 26 - July 2, 2022

Summer Transition Program - June 12-July 2, 2022 - Huntsville, AL
Prepare for the transition from high school to college!
- Improve your academic skills
- Develop your leadership skills
- Enhance your college readiness skills
- Meet new friends
- Experience life on a college campus
*STP is only offered to students in grades 10-12 AND are at least 15 years old.

DeafTEC is partnering with CompTIA to offer a

CompTIA A+ Certification Bootcamp

10 weeks full-time at NTID

No cost

Does your child have additional disabilities? Are you concerned about their ability to live independently as an adult? YANA Nation’s podcast offers many interviews with experts on Social Security, guardianship, financial planning and many other needs of special populations and their guardians/parents. YANA Nation will be providing a webinar for GSD families soon—keep your eye out for more information! Visit the website at http://yananation.com/.

The boot camp will be taught in American Sign Language by experienced, credentialed NTID faculty members from May 25 to Aug. 5, 2022. There are no fees or costs to attend the boot camp. All expenses, including travel to and from Rochester, room and board on the RIT campus, workshop materials, and CompTIA A+ Core 1 and Core 2 exam vouchers are covered through a grant from the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education program.

At the end of the program, participants will sit for the CompTIA A+ (Core 1 and Core 2) certification exams. Individuals who successfully complete the CompTIA A+ certification will be eligible to receive job placement assistance from CompTIA’s career services staff and earn college credit for three, three-credit courses from NTID’s applied computer technology associate degree programs that can be used to pursue an associate degree at NTID or at other colleges across the country that accept the credit.

Eligibility requirements and registration information are at https://www.rit.edu/ntid/deaftec-compia-bootcamp.
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS
GEORGIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Thursdays, March 10-May 5, 2022* (8 hours)
Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Please complete this form and return it along with your payment by March 7, 2022.

Class will be on campus at GSD. Social distancing will be followed. Masks optional.

Forms can be sent in with students, mailed to the school (see back for address), or emailed.

Family members of GSD students are given priority when filling the class; community members are welcome to fill the remaining spaces! They are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

See FAQ page or contact Marie Dickinson at 706.331.6314 or mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us

Name: ____________________________
Phone #: _______ - _______ - ______ Email: ____________________________
How do you prefer to be contacted? (Circle one or more) Email Phone Text
Have you taken an ASL class before? If yes, where and when? ____________________________

How did you hear about our classes?

Do you have a child at GSD? ____________________________
What is the child’s name? ____________________________

Payment: Kindly check your registration status below.

______ GSD family member $40.00 refundable deposit**
______ Community member $80.00

Please mark:
• $__________ check made out to GSD is attached to this form.
• $__________ cash is attached to this form.
• $__________ money order made out to GSD is attached to this form.
• $__________ online by credit card. Email or text Marie Dickinson to have the link sent to you.

*No class on April 7 (Spring Break).
GSD ASL CLASSES

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to pay for the class if a child in my family is a student at GSD? Families of GSD students pay a $40 refundable deposit. If you attend at least 6 of the 8 classes, your $40 will be returned to you by check. No partial refunds.

Can a member of the community attend? What is the cost? Priority in filling the class is given to family members of GSD students. We welcome members of the community to register for remaining spots in the class. The cost is $80 (non-refundable).

Can children attend the class? Classes are open to anyone over 14 years of age (under 18 must be with an adult). Childcare for younger children is not provided.

What level is this class? This class is for beginner and intermediate signers.

Who is the instructor? The instructor is Julie Burton, GSD’s ASL teacher. She is Deaf and experienced in teaching ASL.

What will I learn in this class? You will learn the alphabet, numbers, basic and intermediate vocabulary, ASL grammar, and information about Deaf culture.

When do classes meet? Class will be held on Thursdays, March 10-May 5, 2022. There will be no class on April 7, due to Spring Break.

Where do classes meet? Classes will meet in the cafeteria on the GSD campus. Social distancing will be followed. Masks are optional.

How do I pay?

GSD families: cash, check (made to GSD), money order (made out to GSD), or online credit card. You can send payment and registration to the school with your student or send it in the mail. If you wish to pay online with a credit card, contact Marie Dickinson and a link will be sent to you. If you attend at least 6 of the 8 hours, your $40 will be refunded to you.

Community members: cash, check (made out to GSD), money order (made out to GSD), or online credit card. If you wish to pay online with a credit card, contact Marie Dickinson and a link will be sent to you. You can mail payment to the school.

Where do I mail payments? Georgia School for the Deaf, 232 Perry Farm Rd SE, Cave Spring, GA 30124. Attention: ASL Classes—Marie Dickinson

Who do I contact for more information? You can contact GSD’s Family Engagement Coordinator, Marie Dickinson, at mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us or 706.331.6314.

Thank you for your interest in GSD’s ASL class!
Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!
March 7–11, 2022

It’s a great time to try out school breakfast!

PARENTS: Did you know?
Your child can supercharge with healthy breakfast options at school!

TAKE OFF
WITH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
Score higher on standardized tests
Have better concentration and memory
Be more alert
Maintain a healthy weight

A nutritious breakfast at the start of the day is a great way to ensure students are energized and ready to learn!

Follow SNA and #NSBW22 on Social Media:
facebook.com/TrayTalk
@SchoolNutritionassoc
@SchoolLunch

NSBW resources are made possible by:
Kellogg’s
As part of our ongoing 175th Anniversary celebration, GSD is bringing back the Little Miss GSD and Miss GSD Pageant! There are several age categories so students of all ages can participate. The pageant will be on 12 April and the deadline to register is 28 March. Full information and the registration form can be found on our website. The pageant will be a lot of fun and a great experience for all involved. Questions? Contact Pageant chairs Jamie Herston or Candace Heflin.

Don’t forget about the FREE Sign It! account you can get for your family! A fantastic, virtual way to improve your ASL skills! Make it your 2022 resolution to improve communication with your child. Complete the registration form attached or contact Marie at 706.331.6314.
For details and to register, visit www.gsdweb.org.

Intermediate and beginner levels

ASL Class at GSD

Class size is limited!

 Thursdays
March 10–May 5, 2022
6:00–7:00 pm

In-person class with social distancing