

“Colombian Sign Language [csn] (A language of [Colombia](#))

- **Location:** Scattered
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** None known. Some signs reportedly similar to those in sign languages of El Salvador, Spain, and the United States.
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling system derived from French Sign Language [[fsl](#)].
- **Language Use:** Some schools use sign language in the classroom. Interpreters provided at important public events, and for college students. Many sign language classes for hearing people. Little research. Not clear how many deaf persons know a sign language. Used by half of school-age deaf children.
- **Language Development:** At least 4 deaf schools; 2 in Bogotá and 2 in Medellín; 1 in Cali; 3 other deaf institutions. Committee on national sign language, and an organization for sign language teachers. TV. Dictionary. Grammar. Bible portions: 2006.
- **Other Comments:** Began 1929.”

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