

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS

How Can the ASVAB Career Exploration Program Benefit Your Child?

Your son or daughter's decision to enter college, technical or vocational school, military service or the civilian world of work after high school is an important one. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes eight individual tests covering verbal and math skills, mechanical knowledge, electronics, and several other areas. It also produces three Career Exploration Scores for Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills. These three scores serve as one of several pieces of information about your child that can aid in the exploration of a wide variety of career options. The ASVAB is offered at no cost and no obligation to high school students.

Your teen will use the ASVAB results to explore the ASVAB Career Exploration Program in one of two ways. Your child can navigate the Program using Exploring Careers: The ASVAB Career Exploration Guide or www.asvabprogram.com. Every student who takes the ASVAB receives a copy of the Guide and an individual access code that serves as an all-access pass to the tools available online. Your child can choose the route that works best. Both avenues contain an interest inventory, the FYI, which will help your child identify their work-related interests. The Guide and the Program website also include career information on 400+ occupations available in the OCCU-Find.

After the test, students take the FYI and using their ASVAB scores along with their interest codes they can explore the variety of occupations presented in the OCCU-Find in order to consider whether their skills and interests match the demands of occupations that appeal to them.

Research has shown that students who participate in the ASVAB Program experience less career indecision, enjoy greater confidence in making career decisions, and consider more thoughtfully their options than do students who do not participate in the ASVAB Program.

What is the relationship between the ASVAB and the Military?

ASVAB participants are not under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. But a junior or senior can use their scores from the ASVAB to enlist in the Military after graduation. The scores are good for two years. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations.

Did you know?

- 75% of young adults aged 17-24 cannot qualify for military service
- 13.3% of participating students express interest in a military career
- Only 2.5% of participating students use a high school ASVAB score to join the military

As a parent, your familiarity with your teen's efforts and accomplishments, coupled with your own experiences make you a valuable resource to your child. We encourage you to participate in exploring educational and career options with your son or daughter. Visit our website at www.asvabprogram.com to learn more.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the ASVAB Program.