

ASVAB (*Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery*)

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a comprehensive career exploration and planning program that includes a multiple aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help students explore the world of work.

The program is intended for use with students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, as well as students in post-secondary schools. It provides tools, including the test battery and interest inventory, developed by the Department of Defense to help high school and post-secondary students across the nation learn more about career exploration and planning. Results of the aptitude test and the interest inventory enable students to evaluate their skills, estimate performance in academic and vocational endeavors, and identify potentially satisfying careers. These results are integrated with work values to help students identify and prioritize possible career choices. Students are encouraged to consider their own work-related values and other important personal preferences as they explore the world of work and learn career exploration skills that will benefit them throughout their work life.

A junior or senior can also use their scores from the ASVAB to enlist in the Military after graduation. The scores are good for two years. However, no one is under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations.

Test sites

The ASVAB test is FREE and is administered locally at Heritage HS in November and at Loudoun Valley HS in March. Although tests begin at 9am, students are expected to arrive 15-20 minutes early for check-in. The test takes approximately 3 hours, from giving instructions to completing student answer sheet