



Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Career Exploration Program (Information from www.asvabprogram.com)

What is the ASVAB?

The *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)* is a multiple aptitude test battery. It assesses a student's ability to learn new skills, and is a predictor of success in training and education programs. The ASVAB is also a Career Exploration Program (CEP) and offers more than just a test. It includes an interest inventory and other activities and resources designed to help students explore the world of work and gain confidence in making career decisions. The ASVAB has been shown to have up to 96% reliability in determining aptitudes ranging from composite academic ability, to language comprehension, to mechanics. Results of the exam are normally ready for student release within 2 weeks after the exam is taken. A representative from Baltimore MEPS will meet with the students who took the ASVAB and provide post-exam interpretations for them. Juniors and seniors are able to take the ASVAB CEP for FREE!!!

The ASVAB consists of nine short individual tests covering:

- **General Science** - measures knowledge of life science, earth and space science, and physical science
- **Arithmetic Reasoning** - measures ability to solve basic arithmetic word problems
- **Word Knowledge** - measures ability to understand the meaning of words through synonyms
- **Paragraph Comprehension** - measures ability to obtain information from written material
- **Mathematics Knowledge** - measures knowledge of mathematical concepts and applications
- **Electronics Information** - measures knowledge of electrical current, circuits, devices, and electronic systems
- **Auto and Shop Information** - measures knowledge of automotive maintenance and repair, and wood and metal shop practices
- **Mechanical Comprehension** - measures knowledge of the principles of mechanical devices, structural support, and properties of materials
- **Assembling Objects** - measures ability with spatial relationships

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. A junior or senior who is interested in the military will 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?

A student's decision to enter college, technical or vocational school, military service or the civilian world of work after high school is an important one. They may already have a general idea of what direction they want to go in life; however, the ASVAB CEP can assist them in narrowing career fields down to a manageable number. In addition, the program may show them that they have abilities in fields that they have never considered. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is not offered to try to recruit students for the military, but to help them with planning their future, whether it lay with the military or not. It can help students take steps now toward finding a career that's right for them. Take advantage of all the ASVAB CEP can offer by signing up when it is available. The test will be administered at Westlake High School in the fall and spring for any juniors and seniors interested in taking it. Listen for announcements about the date of the ASVAB and when you can sign-up to take it.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- ✓ **Information about the ASVAB** - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/>
- ✓ **Parent Fact Sheet** - http://asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB_factsheet-parents.pdf
- ✓ **Overview of the Program** - http://www.asvabprogram.com/downloads/ASVAB_Fact%20Sheet.pdf
- ✓ **Sample questions** - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=overview.testsample>
- ✓ **FREE help and practice questions** - <https://www.march2success.com/>, www.military.com,
www.tests.com
- ✓ **ASVAB Program Arcade Games** - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/games/index.html>
4Tests Practice Test – www.4tests.com