

ASVAB assessment for ALL Junior and Senior Students at Fulton High School

Date: Wednesday, October 20

This is a 12:20 Early Out Professional Development Day.

Location: Students will be testing in the West Gym.

Time: 8:15 am – 12:15 pm

Note: After the test is completed students will be allowed to go home. Students who want to eat lunch at the High School can do so.

What is the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)?

The ASVAB is a **free** standardized test that helps students determine how they learn and what they're good at, and it gives them choices (to decide what they might like to pursue) when they get ready to graduate. Although the ASVAB may sound like a military test alone, the test is closer to a **career, interests and abilities** test than anything else.

The ASVAB is a great career assessment tool that can help students identify which career areas best suit them. Because this is an aptitude test, it doesn't just tell students what they are currently good at, it will also tell them what they may be good at learning. For example, they may know nothing about electronics, but their scores may say they have the ability to learn electronics.

I know it may seem unnecessary to take the ASVAB because they currently have no desire to join the military. Remember, the ASVAB does **not** obligate them to anything. It is just a test used by the military to determine if they are qualified to join and what area or areas they would excel in. Only 18% of the students who take the test are even thinking about the military. Most are planning on attending some type of college or vocation. Have them do their best, because a lot can change in the next two years.

The test itself consists of eight individual tests, including general science, arithmetic reasoning, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto and shop information and mechanical comprehension. The scores then produce a broad number of occupations that the test taker might like to pursue.

The ASVAB test isn't just an evaluation of somebody interested in the military, but somebody **interested in their abilities and what occupations and careers they might consider pursuing in the near future**.

Lastly, the scores will compare students to 18 to 23 year olds who have taken this test and will show if they have the Basic Skills to do certain jobs.