

# ASVAB REGISTRATION PACKET

Test Date: **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**  
Test Time: 7:30 am – 10:30 am  
Location: Northwest HS College/Career Information Center

To Register:

Return the **PERMISSION FORM** to the College/Career Information Center (last page of packet).

**KEEP THIS REGISTRATION PACKET FOR YOUR ASVAB PREPARATION.  
RETURN ONLY THE PERMISSION FORM ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS PACKET!**

**RETURN PERMISSION FORM NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**



**LIFE'S A JOURNEY.**  
DISCOVER YOUR POSSIBILITIES.

## The ASVAB Program

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 ASVAB Career Exploration Program is intended for use with students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, as well as students in post-secondary schools. The Program 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 lives.

## Information for Parents

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 child can use the ASVAB results along with Exploring Careers: The ASVAB Career Exploration Guide. Every student who takes the ASVAB receives a copy of the Guide. It has a series of activities that guides students through the exploration of occupations and planning the next steps to achieve their career goals.

What is the relationship between the ASVAB and the Military? A junior or senior can use 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.

As a parent, your familiarity with your child's efforts and accomplishments, coupled with your experience in the world of work, makes you a valuable resource to your child. We encourage you to participate in exploring educational and career options with your child. Visit our website at [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com) to learn more.

## The ASVAB Test: THE EIGHT ASVAB TEST AREAS ARE:

- **General Science**  
A 25-item test measuring knowledge of life science, earth and space science, and physical science
- **Arithmetic Reasoning**  
A 30-item test measuring ability to solve basic arithmetic word problems
- **Word Knowledge**  
A 35-item test measuring ability to understand the meaning of words through synonyms
- **Paragraph Comprehension**  
A 15-item test measuring ability to obtain information from written material
- **Mathematics Knowledge**  
A 25-item test measuring knowledge of mathematical concepts and applications
- **Electronics Information**  
A 20-item test measuring knowledge of electrical current, circuits, devices, and electronic systems
- **Auto and Shop Information**  
A 25-item test measuring knowledge of automotive maintenance and repair, and wood and metal shop practices
- **Mechanical Comprehension**  
A 25-item test measuring knowledge of the principles of mechanical devices, structural support, and properties of materials

## Sample ASVAB Test Questions

**SAMPLE QUESTION 1**

A magnet will attract:

A. water  
B. a flower  
C. a cloth rag  
D. a nail

★ Correct Answer: D

**SAMPLE QUESTION 2**

If twelve workers are needed to run 4 machines, how many workers are needed to run 20?

A. 20  
B. 48  
C. 60  
D. 80

★ Correct Answer: C

**SAMPLE QUESTION 3**

The wind is **variable** today.

A. mild  
B. steady  
C. shifting  
D. chilling

★ Correct Answer: C



Your ASVAB scores can help you see what your current strengths are.

**Your ASVAB Score.** Scores will be returned to students and interpreted during a Career Exploration Session in the College/Career Information Center on **THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1:00 PM**. Students unable to attend that session can pick up their scores during lunch or after school by the end of March.

Service Branch	Required Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) Score*
Army	31
Navy	35
Marines	32
Air Force	36
Coast Guard	36

\*Scores are subject to change without notice.

# Northwest High School

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College/Career Information Center

January 3, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year Northwest High School offers students the opportunity to take the **ASVAB** or **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**. What is the **ASVAB**? It is a multi-aptitude test battery that helps in identifying different skills and competencies. It consists of eight short individual tests covering General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop information, and Mechanical Comprehension. Not only do you receive scores on each of these individual tests, you also receive the results combined to yield three career exploration scores: Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills. The **ASVAB** test results provide a snapshot of current knowledge and skills. These scores can be compared with the educational or job requirements for occupations of interest to students.

Your student has expressed an interest in taking the **ASVAB**, which will be administered **at Northwest High School on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:30 am**. In order for him/her to take this test, you must give your permission. The ASVAB is only administered to students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

Please sign and date the permission slip at the bottom of this letter. Please return the permission slip below no later than **Monday, February 13, 2012**. If you have any questions regarding this test, please contact me in the College/Career Information Center. Only those students who have returned the signed permission slips will be admitted to take the ASVAB. The ASVAB is being administered under reporting option 8 - meaning that the test results are released only to the student and not to the armed services. Should a student wish to use his/her ASVAB results as part of an enlistment conversation with a military recruiter, he/she can provide his/her scores to the recruiter.

**Scores** will be returned to students and interpreted during a Career Exploration Session in the College/Career Information Center on **Thursday, March 15, 2012, 1:00 pm**. Students unable to attend that session can pick up their scores during lunch or after school by the end of March.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Davis  
College/Career Information Center Coordinator

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## **STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE PARENTAL CONSENT TO TAKE THE ASVAB**

I give permission for my son/daughter to take the **ASVAB** on **Thursday, February 16, 2012**.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

Student's School Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-mail address (for test reminder): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date