

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

The ASVAB is a **free** standardized test that helps you determine how you learn and what you're good at, and it gives you choices (to decide what you might like to pursue) when you 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 you identify which career areas best suit you. Because this is an aptitude test, it doesn't just tell you what you are currently good at, it will also tell you what you may be good at learning. For example, you may know nothing about electronics, but your scores may say you have the ability to learn electronics.

I know it may seem unnecessary to take the ASVAB because you currently have no desire to join the military. Remember, the ASVAB does **not** obligate you to anything. It is just a test used by the military to determine if you are qualified to join and what area or areas you 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 your scores will compare you to 18 to 23 year olds who have taken this test and will show if you have the Basic Skills to do certain jobs.

The state of Illinois considers a score of **31** or better to be an indication of a student being **College and Career Ready**.