

## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS

### How Can the ASVAB Career Exploration Program Benefit Your Child?

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. The Guide has recently been updated and now includes career information on approximately 400 occupations. Students can explore these occupations and consider whether their skills, as measured by the three Career Exploration Scores, and interests, as measured by an interest inventory, match the demands of occupations that appeal to them. Research has shown that students who participate in the ASVAB Program experience less career indecision, enjoy greater confidence in making career decisions, and consider more thoughtfully their options than do students who do not participate in the ASVAB Program.

#### 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. The following are general facts of interest:

- 76% of the students who participated did so because of their interest in making appropriate post-high school career and educational plans.
- 31% of the students who participated did so because of their interest in military service.
- 62% of those who participated reported that the ASVAB Program helped them to connect their skills and interests with appropriate career choices.
- 63% of those who participated say the ASVAB Program helped them to consider careers they had not thought about before.

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.

**We invite you to take advantage of the opportunities  
offered by the ASVAB Program.**