

Peninsula High School

Career and Technical Education Department
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Dear Parents:

On Tuesday, February 25, your son or daughter will have an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test, otherwise known as the ASVAB. Administered as a career exploration tool, the ASVAB test is one of several aptitude and personality tests students are encouraged to take as part of the Careers, College and Financial Exploration (CCFE) course curriculum here at Peninsula High School.

The test will be administered here at Peninsula in the auditorium starting at 7:30 a.m., ending around 10:30 a.m. Student absences will be entered into our school's attendance records as a school activity. Students are encouraged to be well-rested and have a good breakfast. Given once per semester, the ASVAB is an important component in the career exploration program at Peninsula. General testing areas include verbal skills, math skills, and science and technical skills. The ASVAB test is also highly-regarded and used for admission by many post-secondary technical colleges and training programs. Test results can also be used as an early indicator of future SAT scores.

The ASVAB test was originally developed for use by the Department of Labor and Industries. Today the test is administered and proctored by representatives of the U.S. Military. The test is used by the military for the purpose of placement into specific training programs. Students have the option to not have test results released to the military and this option will be explained clearly.

An equally important component of the ASVAB test is its use in the comprehensive career exploration program taught at Peninsula. Test administrators return to our campus about two weeks after the test to interpret test results for our students. The mission is to help students take steps toward a career pathway that's well suited for the individual based upon his or her interests and aptitudes. During post-test discussions, students usually respond positively to the test and its mission of career exploration.

The test is challenging and thoughtful. It's a highly practical test of problem-solving skills and abilities. No military recruiting is conducted during the test, or during post-test interpretation sessions. In addition, after taking the ASVAB test, students have access to some terrific on-line career exploration information and tools.

To learn more, I invite you to go on line at www.asvabprogram.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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