

Stillman Valley High School

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Dear Senior Parents and Guardians:

Friday, August 31st has been designated as a senior assessment day at SVHS. Seniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) exam in the auxiliary gym as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program – a comprehensive career planning program that includes a multiple-aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help students explore career opportunities after high school. The ASVAB is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world and provides students with career exploration scores which can help them determine readiness for further education and training in different career areas. When they participate in the ASVAB Program, students explore occupations in line with their interests and skills, and also develop effective strategies to realize their career goals. The ASVAB Program presents a full-spectrum of career opportunities to students, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or ability level. The exam includes the following 8 subtests: General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Work Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension.

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 career options than students who do not participate. While students CAN use their scores from the ASVAB test to enlist in the Military after graduation, NO ONE is under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. Annually, approximately 90% of participating students take the ASVAB test for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations. No one from the school will release a student's score to Military personnel. That is a personal / family decision that is not compromised by a student's participation in this assessment at the school.

Students will receive their scores and participate in a follow up career exploration workshop to help further direct students to resources and research tools. Specifically, students will gain access to a tool called OCCU-find which allows students to explore more than 400 occupational descriptions organized into 16 Career Clusters while also learning about the relative importance of Verbal, Math, and Science and Technical Skills for success in an occupation. Additional information on the ASVAB Career Exploration Program is available at www.asvabprogram.com.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Mrs. Showers, Mr. Voltz, or Mr. Liegl.

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