

ASVAB in LAUSD



For the 2005-6 school year the ASVAB was given in 39 of the 49 general high schools, with only 2 schools who choose Option 2. This was down from last year because of the transition with the District Policy Bulletin 2067, and the districts request to hold off on meeting with the career counselors. Last year there were 42 schools and without a doubt the MEPS (ASVAB testing office) will be trying to get more schools to use it. **IT IS A PRIMARY MILITARY RECRUITMENT tool used in 75 to 85% of LAUSD schools!!!**

Please see the attached charts on the 49 regular high schools listed. The checks next to the school mean that the school took the ASVAB. **ALL CHOSE TO RELEASE THE SCORES EXCEPT San Pedro and San Fernando (by selecting Option 8- the ONLY option that doesn't release scores to the military). Our preference is to NOT take the test at all, but we find that schools and families often like the test because it is free and claims to explore students' career aptitudes.** But there are other career guidance instruments such as the school inventory developed by the DOTS Transitional Services in LAUSD, which I personally find equally valuable.

The schools with the black dots mean that the ASVAB was not administered. The white dots and check mean that the test will be given within the month of June at Franklin High School and Huntington Park. Intervention needs to be done quickly at these two schools. In general the ASVAB is given in the fall, but this past year the scheduling was delayed.

The ASVAB staff will probably have a meeting with the Career Advisors in August. They will lay out the 8 options, and work out a date for the test. The Career Advisors usually make the decision along with the Principal anytime BEFORE the test is given. Option 1-6 are released to the military recruiter at different time periods, Option 7 means not enough proctors, and Option 8 is the only one that doesn't release the information to military recruiters. The school may advise students to put down the school address, and phone which is a preferable idea. But remember if Option 8 is not chosen by the school, the names will still go to military recruiters, who can match the names with other lists they have to look up students' addresses and phone numbers." CAMS is requesting to also be present at the meeting with the Career Advisors and to present our Alternatives Booklet and our position on the ASVAB.

- Using the attached chart, contact the Career Counselor in the summer, tell them your concerns about the ASVAB, and your recommendation for either not giving the ASVAB or choosing Option 8.
- If they are insistent about the test, recommend that it be given during non school hours (after school, Saturdays). At Roosevelt it is never given, with interested students going to the recruitment station.
- Students can deliberately fail this test if given. It's one test we encourage you to fail.
- Students can protest the ASVAB by wearing arm bands, carrying signs and walking out. Fremont High School students and faculty successfully curtailed the exam by demonstrating against it!

It is a voluntary test and there should be no consequences for refusing to take it.

GET OUT of the ASVAB, GET OUT of JROTC, OPT OUT of NCLB.....Student Privacy!

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