

ASVAB ALERT

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

In other words ... a military placement exam required for enlistment



- The ASVAB is a voluntary general aptitude test offered at no cost or obligation to high school students through a joint program of the Department of Defense and Dept of Education. LAUSD District Policy Bulletin 2067 states:
 - * The School will not discipline a student who opts not to take the ASVAB
 - * Taking the ASVAB does not require a student to enlist in military service; However, a junior or senior can use ASVAB scores for up to two years to enlist in the military after graduation, and the contact information provided as part of the test, as well as scores, is accessible to military recruiters.
 - * If a student is contacted by the military recruiter, requests no further contact be made, and the military recruiter continues to contact the student, the student/ family and school personnel should report the unwanted contact to the commanding officer at the recruiting station
 - * To ensure consistency with opt-out provisions for release of contact information to the military, it is recommended that school employees facilitating the ASVAB inform students that they may use the schools address on the ASVAB form.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The ASVAB violates **student privacy** by releasing their names, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, race/ethnicity/gender information and test scores to military recruiters, often without students' knowledge or understanding, exposing them to harassing and sometimes relentless recruitment based on their aptitude scores.

The School may advise students to put down the school address and phone, which is a preferable idea. But remember, the names will still go to military recruiters, and they can match the names with other lists they have to look up students' addresses and phone numbers.
- The ASVAB **skirts parental rights** by giving incomplete information to parents about it, by schools releasing the results to military recruiters without parental consent, and by having underage minors sign a statement that releases information to military recruiters without parental signatures.

- The ASVAB is given in about 75% of the high schools in Los Angeles and is a primary tool used for military recruitment.

WHAT YOU CAN DO-Option 8 before it's too late!

- The school career counselor and /or Principal at each school DECIDE whether the entire school releases the information to military recruiters or not. OPTION 8 is the **only** option that secures STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL RIGHTS at the high school. Request it! Better yet, don't take the test at all. Don't take the ASVAB.
- Never list your personal information and social security number on the test even when they tell you that it's needed for scoring.
- Tell your friends, other parents, school personnel about the ASVAB. Get the word out!
- You can deliberately fail this test if given. It's one test we encourage you to fail.
- You 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.

For more information about the ASVAB see:
<http://www.afsc.org/youthmil/resources/>

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