

Dear Parent or Guardian,

On **Tuesday November 7th**, your 11th grade student 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 Career and Technical Education (CTE) course curriculum here at Powers Lake High School.

The ASVAB is also now a part of the criteria for one of the options in the North Dakota Scholarship, and Powers Lake High School strives to provide the option for students to take the assessment to earn this scholarship. An outline of the ND Scholarship is also included with this letter – please reach out if you have any questions regarding that scholarship.

The test will be administered at the Baptist Church. The students will meet at the school at 8:25 and then will be bussed down to the Bethel Baptist Church. Testing will begin at **8:30 a.m. and end around 11:30 a.m.** Students are encouraged to be well-rested and have a good breakfast. General testing areas include verbal skills, math skills, and science and technical skills. This test also includes electronics, auto and shop information and a mechanical comprehension portion.

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. One of the scores of the ASVAB is the military services' entrance score, which your student can use to explore career options in the military. By no means is your child obligated to military service as the ASVAB is designed to allow exploration of both military **and** civilian jobs. Therefore, should you wish to explore further options with the military, you will need to contact the military branch of your choice.

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 is 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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