

ASVAB Requirement Guidance

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1. What is the district and open-enrollment charter school ASVAB requirement?

Senate Bill 1843

2. What is the difference between the ASVAB and the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (ASVAB CEP)?

The ASVAB is an aptitude test that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. The ASVAB CEP is a career planning and exploration program offered free to participating schools and students. The ASVAB CEP includes a validated ASVAB test and interest assessment. The results are used to guide career exploration for college, career, or military using the ASVAB CEP career planning tools. The enlistment version of the ASVAB is primarily given at a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and is used for recruiting purposes only. For more information on the ASVAB CEP, visit <https://www.asvabprogram.com/faq>.

3. Can the ASVAB CEP be used to enlist in the military?

Yes, if it was administered in the 11th or 12th grade and scores are not more than two years old. 11th and 12th grade and post-secondary students can use their ASVAB CEP Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) scores to enlist for up to two years after testing. All 10apt/.3(t)-3(4y53)-3tt es for TEA student purposes (regardless of age) and are not available through the United States Military Entrance Processing Command Integrated Resource System (USMIRS) database.

4. How is the ASVAB requirement reported to the Texas Education Agency (TEA)?

Districts and open-enrollment charter schools offering grades 10 through 12 report meeting the requirements of SB 1843 through the TSDS PEIMS Fall snapshot for the current school year. See data element "ARMED-SERVICES-VOC-APT-BATTERY-INDICATOR-CODE (E1625)" in the [2019-2020 Texas Education Data Standards \(TEDS\) Section 3.1 - Education Organization Category Description of Data Elements](#) for more information.

5. What does a district or open-enrollment charter school do if it did not meet the requirements of SB 1843 due to COVID-19 and the closing of Texas school facilities?

Districts may elect to submit a waiver to the TEA. Instructions on submitting a waiver for COVID-19 can be found on the [COVID-19 Support: District Waivers, Finance & Grants](#) page.

6. What will the TEA do if a district or open-enrollment charter school already reported in the 2019-2020 Fall Snapshot the district offers the ASVAB or alternative test, and the testing was not conducted due to Covid-19 and the closing of schools?

To fulfill the agency requirements of SB 1843, TEA reports districts and open-enrollment charter schools