

Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery Career Exploration Program (ASVAB CEP) Required Reporting

In the 2018-2019 school year, an ASVAB indicator was placed in PEIMS. In accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1843, each school year, each school district and open-enrollment charter schools are required to provide students in grades 10 through 12 an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program (CEP) test and consult with a military recruiter. A school district or open-enrollment charter school may elect not to provide the ASVAB CEP test, if the school provides a qualifying alternative career exploration test.

All school districts and open-enrollment charter schools must report the ASVAB Indicator Code (E1625) on the Local Education Agency Extension Complex Type in the Fall PEIMS collection.

One of the following codes must be reported:

Code Table ID	Name	XML Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C217	ARMED-SERVICES-VOC-APT-BATTERY-INDICATOR-CODE	TX-ArmedServicesVocAptBatteryIndicator	7/1/2018	
Code	Translation			
00	The district or open-enrollment charter school does not offer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test or an alternative career exploration test.			
01	The district or open-enrollment charter school offers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test.			
02	The district or open-enrollment charter school offers an alternative career exploration test.			

ASVAB CEP Indicator FAQs

1. **SB 1843 requires the assessment be offered to students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 each year. Does this mean that a student will take it three times?**

Answer: SB 1843 does not require students to take the ASVAB CEP (or qualifying alternative assessment). SB 1843 requires that each year, schools provide students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades the opportunity to take the ASVAB CEP. A student may choose to take the assessment more than once. The Department of Defense (DoD) has re-test protocols in place for students who wish to take the ASVAB CEP more than once. School personnel should review the [ASVAB program website](#) which is maintained by the DoD. The website provides information about administering the assessment.

2. **Every student in Grades 10-12 must take the assessment, correct?**

Answer: SB 1843 does not require students to take the ASVAB CEP (or qualifying alternative assessment). SB 1843 requires that each year, schools provide students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades the opportunity to take the ASVAB CEP (or qualifying alternative assessment).

3. **Is this an annual requirement? For example, once a student tests in Grade 10, would they test again in Grade 11, and 12, or are we in compliance as long the test is offered to all students in Grades 10-12 each year?**

Answer: Yes, SB 1843 requires that each year, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, schools offer the opportunity to take the assessment to students in Grades 10, 11 and 12.

4. **If our students take the ASVAB CEP, are we able to indicate in Accountability (CCMR indicators) that a student is entering the military?**

Answer: No, the ASVAB CEP is a career exploration program and is a different test than the ASVAB for military acceptance. Districts/campuses should develop procedures for documenting a student entering the military for accountability purposes.

5. **We stopped offering the ASVAB CEP because we did not have students who wanted to take the assessment. If nobody signs up for the assessment, should we continue to offer it?**

Answer: Yes, the opportunity to take the assessment must be offered each year, to students in Grades 10, 11, and 12, as required by SB 1843. Districts should maintain records documenting that they have offered the assessment, even if no students sign up to take the test.

6. **We have a very small student high school population, if we provide an opportunity for students to test and no students are interested in taking the ASVAB CEP, will we be out of compliance?**

Answer: No, you will not be out of compliance in this scenario. SB 1843 requires that each year, schools provide students in the 10th, 11th and 12th Grades the opportunity to take the ASVAB CEP (or qualifying alternative assessment). You should maintain local documentation that you have offered the assessment.

7. **If a school has already given the ASVAB CEP earlier in the year for 11th and 12th graders, does the school need to schedule the test for 10th grade students in order to be compliant with the law this year (2018-2019)?**

Answer: Yes, to be compliant, the opportunity to take the ASVAB CEP (or qualifying alternative assessment) must be provided to students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

8. **Which assessments would meet the requirements for an alternative test. Would career assessments on the Naviance Family Connection meet the requirement?**

Answer: SB 1843 requires a qualifying alternative assessment to meet the following:

- Assess a student's aptitude for success in a career field other than a career field that requires postsecondary education;
- Be free to administer;
- Require minimal training and support of district or school faculty and staff to administer the test; and
- Provide the student with a professional interpretation of the test results that allows the student to:
 - Explore occupations that are consistent with the student's interests and skills; and,
 - Develop strategies to attain the student's career goals.

TEA does not provide input regarding the specific assessments that qualify as alternative assessments. Schools must review the requirements of the law and choose an assessment that fulfills these requirements.

9. **What type of data will schools submit to TEA as "proof" they provided the opportunity to test if no one signs up to take it?**

Answer: SB 1843 requires that no later than August 1st, TEA publish a list of school districts and open enrollment charter schools that elect not to provide the ASVAB CEP assessment during the previous school year. There is no requirement for TEA to collect any other data regarding the ASVAB CEP.

10. **Our district uses Chancery Software, can TEA help us find where in the software the indicator is located?**

Answer: No, the school/district should contact the software vendor and let them know that assistance is needed with locating where the ASVAB Indicator code data element is entered in the software application. The software vendor will be able to assist in locating this data element in their product. If a district uses TxEIS, they should reach out to their ESC PEIMS contact.

11. **Where can we find additional information regarding the ASVAB CEP?**

Answer: Information may be found on [TEA's ASVAB](#) website including links to resources and additional FAQs regarding the ASVAB CEP.