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This document answers questions raised during the September 6, 2012 ASVAB Data Collection webinar.

Why is the Department collecting ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) data?

These data, along with data from ACT, SAT, AP, IB and Compass, will be used as a portion of the MSIP-5 College and Career Readiness measures. See the Department website for more information regarding MSIP-5 <http://dese.mo.gov/qs/MSIP5.html>. For more information about the ASVAB testing program, visit <http://official-asvab.com/index.htm>

The Department has worked with test providers to gather information from the ACT, SAT, Compass, and ASVAB, and has agreements in place for the ACT, SAT, AP and Compass results. However, discussions with the Department of Defense have not progressed as quickly as hoped, and we are not yet able to gather ASVAB scores for the districts. Therefore, we are turning to the districts to provide this information.

It is not mandatory that districts administer the ASVAB, or require students to take it. There is no preferred time frame for administering the test if the district chooses to do so.

What years of data should I be looking for? What grade level is reported?

In order to have historical data for the first years of MSIP-5, we are asking districts to go back through records to prepare files for the graduates from 2010, 2011, and 2012. That means we are asking districts to report any ASVAB score they have for any student who did or might have graduated in 2010, 2011, or 2012.

For example, if a student graduated in May of 2010, you may have to check records for their sophomore year, 2007-2008, their junior year 2008-2009 or their senior year 2009-2010. The results report would have been filed in the student's cumulative file, and ultimately remains in their senior year records, despite which year the student took the test.

How many years should be reported? Most students only take the ASVAB once during their high school career. However, if a student happened to take the test more than once, report all the years you have data for.

What grade level is reported? Report the grade level for the student at the time the student was tested.

Each year, the district will report the ASVAB data accumulated at their school. The Department is simply asking schools to report the results of the students that do take the ASVAB. In successive years, the efforts will be only to capture the results of students in grades 9-12 taking the assessment that year.

How do we gather the results of the ASVAB? Where should I look? What am I looking for?

There are several ways to get the ASVAB scores on your students. Some districts have mentioned that the testing coordinator receives a summary test sheet with all students AFQT (Armed Forces Qualification Test Score) scores, but that is not always the case. Most districts report getting two paper copies, one for the student file, and one for the student. Those result sheets generally get filed in the student's individual file. Check the student files, and perhaps the testing coordinator's files for these reports.

On the reports, look for the AFQT score, this is the value that should be reported. The AFQT score, also known as the Military Entrance Score, is reported for each student that takes the test. This is a composite score found on the individuals score sheet. Sources tell us the AFQT score is not reported on the ASVAB Test Score Results Roster or the labels, but it is on the blue/white ASVAB Summary Results sheet. The AFQT score is derived from only four of

the nine ASVAB subtests: Paragraph Comprehension (PC), Word Knowledge (WK), Mathematics Knowledge (MK), and Arithmetic Reasoning (AR), and is not the overall score on the ASVAB.

If the district does not administer the ASVAB, but students take the test on their own, the district should attempt to obtain the results from the student and/or the testing center.

If these reports cannot be found in district files, or for historical data not found in the district files, contact the local recruiter and/or one of the two MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) offices for the state.

- MEPS KANSAS CITY, MO
10316 NW Prairie View Road
Kansas City, MO 64153-1350
Phone: (816) 891-9490
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<http://www.mepcom.army.mil/meps/kansascity/index.html>
- MEPS ST. LOUIS, MO
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St. Louis, MO 63103-2816
Phone: (314) 331-4040
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<http://www.mepcom.army.mil/meps/stlouis/index.html>

Not all our students take the ASVAB. Some of our students take it at an early, exploratory stage. How will the Department factor in the scores?

You can review the published information about MSIP-5 at the Office of Quality Schools website
<http://www.dese.mo.gov/qs/MSIP5.html>.

Questions about how the test results will affect the district's performance should be directed to the Office of Quality Schools via email qualityschools@dese.mo.gov, or phone 573-751-4234.

How do I report this data once I have gathered it?

A template has been provided on the MOSIS website
http://dese.mo.gov/MOSIS/documents/2012JunASVAB_Template.xls

Note only the columns highlighted yellow are required. All other columns are optional and may be left blank. Only include students in the file that have ASVAB data.

For further assistance with uploading a MOSIS file:

- view the recorded webinars *Introduction to MOSIS ID System: Overview* and *Introduction to the MOSIS ID System: Batch Files* found at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/webinar/RecordedWebinars-Sept2012.htm>, or
- visit the MOSIS web page at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/MOSIS/>, or
- contact the MOSIS office via email webreplymosis@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-8271, or
- contact the Office of Data System Management via email dsm@dese.mo.gov or phone 573-522-3207