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Subject: Legislative Changes Related to the Use of the ASVAB to Fulfill Graduation Pathway Requirements

This memorandum serves to provide additional clarification regarding the upcoming enactment of [House Enrolled Act \(HEA\) 1635](#) as it pertains to utilizing the ASVAB to meet graduation pathway requirements.

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-32-4-1.5, the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) established the use of the ASVAB to meet graduation pathway requirements. Beginning with the 2025 graduation cohort, HEA 1635 requires students electing to use the ASVAB as a means for meeting graduation pathway requirements to also fill out the [Military Enlistment Intent Form](#).

Using ASVAB - ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP)

Schools may continue to use the ASVAB in grade 10 as a part of the Career Exploration Program (CEP) and use this as a tool to inform students' future career pathways. Based on their interests and the Post-Test Interpretation, the student may enroll in a pathway, offered at their local school, that aligns with their interest. Schools should encourage students who are not interested in a career pathway leading toward enlistment/service to utilize another method to meet the Postsecondary Readiness Competency requirement.

Using ASVAB - Meeting Graduation Pathway Requirements, JROTC Locally Created Pathway (LCP)

Schools may continue to administer the ASVAB to students in grades 11 and 12, however, in order for the ASVAB to count toward the Postsecondary Readiness Competency graduation pathway requirement, a Military Enlistment Intent Form must be signed by the student.

As armed forces qualification test (AFQT) scores are valid for enlistment purposes up to two years following the date of testing, students seeking to count the ASVAB as the Postsecondary Readiness Competency graduation requirement must complete the ASVAB during grades 11 or 12 and have a signed Military Enlistment Intent Form on file.

Further, as established by SBOE, a minimum AFQT score of 31 must be met to count the ASVAB toward the Postsecondary Readiness Competency graduation requirement. If a student does not earn the minimum AFQT score of 31, they may retest until a qualifying score is earned or complete another Postsecondary Readiness Competency that will meet the graduation



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pathway requirements.

For students pursuing the [JROTC LCP](#), each school's career advisor or counselor should work with students to provide opportunities for military experiences to fulfill the graduation pathways box 2: *Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills* and ensure all requirements, including required coursework, Indiana College Core, higher ranking in the military, senior year capstone project, and ASVAB testing are met.

Applicable Graduation Cohorts *Updated for clarification as of 6.15.23**

Students graduating in the 2023 and 2024 cohorts who have earned a qualifying ASVAB score, [as determined by SBOE](#), *prior to* July 1, 2023, will be “grandfathered” in and will be able to utilize previously earned ASVAB scores without a signed Military Enlistment Intent Form to fulfill their graduation pathway requirements. Students in the 2023 and 2024 cohorts taking the ASVAB to count towards graduation pathway requirements who **did not** earn a qualifying score prior to July 1, 2023, and students in subsequent graduation cohorts, must adhere to the requirements outlined in this memo.

Contact StudentPathways@doe.in.gov with any questions.