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Dear CASA families of our 10th and 11th grade students:

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, all 10th and 11th grade students are scheduled to participate in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program Assessment. The ASVAB assessment is a career assessment provided by the Armed Forces to schools free of cost. The assessment helps identify specific career-related skill and interest data for each student that can be used by the student and CASA's College and Career Readiness Program for career exploration and opportunities. **The assessment results from the ASVAB will count as one artifact in each student's individual career plan. Students are required to have a minimum of eight artifacts by the end of 11th grade as part of our graduation requirements.**

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, all 10th and 11th grade students in the hybrid-learning model should report to school. Any fully virtual 10th and 11th grade students who would like to participate are also welcome to attend school on this date (please notify Mrs. Rhinehart if you would like to participate). This will be a full day program, so students should plan on attending school like a normal in-person day (from 8:00 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.). For all students who ride district-provided transportation to school, that will be provided on this date. All students who provide their own transportation should do so like a normal in-person learning day. Lunch will also be provided for students who sign up; otherwise, students should pack their own lunch on this day. Students will spend part of their day completing the ASVAB Career Exploration Program Assessment, and the other part of their day participating in additional career readiness activities that will be used as artifacts in their career plan.

During the month of May, student assessment results will be provided by the ASVAB testing administrators to CASA's Assistant Principal and Career Readiness Coordinator, Mrs. Rhinehart, and our School Counselor, Mrs. Baker. **The assessment scores will be used strictly within our school, and will not be released to the military or any recruiters.** After scoring is completed and returned to CASA, students will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Rhinehart or Mrs. Baker to discuss their results and how those results can direct them towards a future career cluster or field best suited for their interests and abilities. This information will be utilized for identifying which shadowing experiences would be most interesting for each individual or groups of students for next school year.

We are strongly encouraging all 10th and 11th grade students to attend and participate in this activity, as it will provide our school with important individual career-related data for each student and serve as an artifact in their ongoing career plan. If a student or family does not wish to participate in the ASVAB, they should complete the opt-out form on the following page and return it by April 9, 2021 to Mrs. Shellenberger at mshellenberger@casa-arts.org. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Mrs. Rhinehart at arhinehart@casa-arts.org or at 717-732-8450. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amanda H. Rhinehart
Assistant Principal

ASVAB Career Exploration Program Assessment Student Opt Out Form

If you would NOT like your 10th or 11th grade child participating in the ASVAB CEP (Career Exploration Program) assessment on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, please complete the form below and return it to Mrs. Shellenberger via email at mshellenberger@casa-arts.org by Friday, April 9, 2021. If we do not receive this form, we will plan for your child to attend on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 for the planned career readiness activities, including the ASVAB CEP assessment.

REMINDER: The ASVAB CEP assessment results will not be released to any outside entity or military recruiter. These results will solely be used by CASA faculty for career readiness programming and student planning.

Please note that if students do not participate in the ASVAB CEP assessment, they will be responsible for completing an alternative career readiness activity as an artifact for their student career plan. If you opt out of the ASVAB testing on this date, Mrs. Rhinehart will contact your child to explain what they will be responsible for completing instead of the scheduled activities on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

If you acknowledge and understand the information above and still want to opt your child out of the ASVAB CEP assessment, please complete form below.

My child, _____, will NOT be participating in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program Assessment on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. I understand that they will be responsible for completing alternative assignments on this date.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____