

FAQs: YouScience Summit

Discover our answers to your questions about our aptitudes assessment designed for high school students. Let's get started!

What are aptitudes?

An aptitude is a natural ability to do something. Think of it as hard-wired potential. Some people call these "strengths" or "talents." It is important to understand that these abilities are different than interest, personality, and skills—all of which can change over time. Because aptitudes are stable, they can serve as a reliable navigational tool throughout a lifetime of decisions.

Aren't interests important too?

Absolutely! YouScience includes a 60 question interest survey. The magic is combining a student's interests with their aptitudes to find the careers that incorporate what they love with what they're naturally good at.

What aptitudes does YouScience Summit measure?

YouScience Summit uses 11 "brain games" to measure the nine aptitudes most critical in determining career success: Idea Generation, Inductive Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Sequential Reasoning, Spatial Visualization, Timeframe Orientation, Visual Comparison Speed, Vocabulary, and Work Approach.

What does my student get from YouScience?

Every user receives:

- Personalized career matching with in-depth information about each career (including salary, projected openings, education requirements, a day in the life, and much more).
- Comprehensive insights about how natural abilities impact work, school, and social life.
- Self-advocacy language to help you think in a very positive way and communicate strengths on resumes, applications, essays, and interviews.
- Online access to results for 10 years.

Who can see the results?

Only your student and their administrator (typically a teacher or school counselor) can see their results. We take student privacy very seriously and never share information.

How will the YouScience results affect school and future plans?

The goal of YouScience is to help users uncover and understand their natural abilities (aka what makes them awesome!) and find the careers that will best use those talents. Maybe you're a great fit for a career in medicine but haven't taken many science classes—let's work on that schedule for next semester! Or maybe you assumed you would go to a four-year college, but don't really have a specific plan. The YouScience profile can help you discover what degrees are required for your best-fit careers—or open your eyes to in-demand careers that don't require a four-year degree. Every career in the YouScience system requires some certification or degree past high school, but we know not every desirable career requires a bachelor's degree (or higher). With 10 years of access, users can continue to use their YouScience profile throughout school and beyond to help determine the next steps that are right for them.