

# GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **2018 Vocational school application process for Gateway students**

**Huntington** – Parents and guardians of students living in the Gateway Regional School District are advised that applications are now available for students interested in applying to Smith Vocational or Westfield Technical Academy for the 2018-19 school year. Applications are available in the Middle School Guidance Office for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and in the High School Guidance Office for any interested high school students.

Students looking for a vocational education are reminded that Gateway offers a fully accredited vocational program in welding. The welding program uses a virtual welding system that allows students to safely learn and practice new techniques. Students interested in visiting the Gateway welding program are always welcome and should see their guidance counselor to arrange a visit. This option affords students to stay at their home school, which features a strong academic program that allows for a Career/ Technology track with different graduation requirements. Gateway also offers strong athletic programs that include Varsity and Junior Varsity options.

All parents should note that an application for a vocational program must be submitted to the Middle School Guidance Office (for students currently in grade 8) or the High School Guidance Office (for students currently in high school) by Thursday, March 1, 2018, in order for students to be eligible. In addition to submitting the application, an interview with the Vocational Program Admissions Counselor along with a recommendation from a Gateway Guidance Counselor will need to be obtained for each applicant. All students choosing to complete an online application should notify the Gateway Middle School or High School Guidance Office.

New this year: Smith Vocational has an online application process this year; however, any Smith Voke applicants who have applied online MUST also submit a hard copy of a non-resident tuition form to the guidance office.

Parents/guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to contact Mr. William Romani regarding the vocational application process. Mr. Romani can be reached by phone (685-1207) or email ([wromani@grsd.org](mailto:wromani@grsd.org)). Current high school students who wish to apply for a vocational school next year may contact the high school guidance office (685-1107).

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