

# GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Red Cross Blood Drive at Gateway**

**Huntington** –The Red Cross Club at Gateway Regional High School will hold a Blood Drive in the Gateway High school gymnasium on Friday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., where students, staff and community members can donate their blood for a great cause. Students aged 16 may donate, but must get a parent's consent; donors 17 years or older do not need consent.

Red Cross scholarships are granted to students who organize and run these blood drives. The amount of funding that Gateway students receive is based upon the number of donors we bring into our drive.

Student and staff sign-ups will be held in the cafeteria during lunch. You may also visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter zip code 01050 to schedule an appointment. Drop -ins are also welcome.

Blood and plasma are routinely needed to replace blood lost due to traumatic injuries, burns and/or surgical procedures. There are also many chronic medical conditions, such as cancer, lymphoma and sickle cell disease, that require transfusions. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Giving blood not only saves lives, but qualifies our Red Cross Club members for scholarship money.

Free tee shirts will be given out to donors, while supplies last.

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to learn more about giving blood. You may also save time by using the RapidPass (on that website) to complete required reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

The upcoming blood drive at Gateway is the perfect opportunity to help others. This is the second drive of the year.

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