



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

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To the Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed an interest in donating blood at the high school blood drive. I would like to take a moment to explain what this means and express our appreciation for their commitment to the health of our community.

The criteria for becoming a donor are:

- Student must be 17 years of age & weigh a minimum of 110 lbs.
- Symptom-free from cold, flu or a sore throat for at least 48 hours before donating.
- It must be at least 12 months since the most recent piercing or tattoo (exception: ear/body pierced at a Blood Center approved location)

In addition to the traditional whole blood donation let us introduce you to our newest type of blood collection technology, Automated Collections, where your child would provide the most needed unit(s) of life-saving blood during one donation process.

Automated Red Cells – They are the most common type of blood cells. They transport oxygen and carbon dioxide between the lungs and all the tissues of the body.

Who Needs Red Cells?

- Patients with internal bleeding
- Patients undergoing dialysis
- Sickle cell disease patients
- Bone marrow transplant patients
- Anemic patients

An immediate benefit to an automated donation is that the experience is more comfortable. The plasma, which contains all the vitamins, minerals, and nutrients, is returned during the donation process, along with a small amount of saline solution. The donor leaves more hydrated than you would normally be from a whole blood donation.

We thank you and your child in advance for any consideration and for saving a life in your community.

Sincerely,

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