

ARHS blood drive information

On March 15th ARHS is hosting a Red Cross blood drive. Students 16 years old and older that meet the height and weight criteria are eligible to donate with parental permission. Just one pint of blood donated can save the lives of three people, so donating is an important way to help others!! Here's a brief look at how a pint of donated blood can save a life.

Donated blood gets separated in the laboratory into its three main components:

- Red blood cells - used for treating people with severe trauma, surgery, or blood disorders and anemia
- Platelets - used for those with cancer treatments, organ transplants, and surgery
- Plasma - can be used for people with severe burns, shock, and bleeding.
Plasma can be further processed to make cryoprecipitated AHF which is used for those with bleeding disorders such as hemophilia and Von Willebrand's disease.

Students who are interested in donating will be bringing home permission forms. They will be signing up for donation times during lunch shifts on March 6, 7, & 8 and need to have their permission forms with them to sign up for a time.

If your child is interested in donating please read [this information](#) to make this a very positive altruistic experience for your child.

Please contact Paula Mueller, MSN, RN at 508-947-2660 ex. 1157 with any questions about student blood donation.