STUDENTS & BLOOD DONATION

As an independent, not-for-profit, community based blood center, we are able to respond to the unique needs of our donor population. Indiana Blood Center can easily implement change to our blood program to respond to the specific needs of the student donor within the high school environment.

High school student donations are a critical component of the community’s blood supply, accounting for 16% of the units distributed to Indiana hospital patients.

Indiana Blood Center is on the forefront, initiating feedback from the Indiana Association of School Nurses and Indiana Department of Education to continually enhance our specialized student donation program.

Indiana Blood Center Student Donation Initiative

Indiana Blood Center utilizes special measures to minimize wait times, reduce reaction rates, and support the school with added personnel on blood drive day.

- Lower blood collection volume from student donors to significantly reduce number of post donation reactions.
- Pre-donation hydration provided to all students to reduce number of post donation reactions.
- With approval from the school, following recovery time in refreshment area, bottled water is provided to all students leaving the blood drive to continue hydration and further reduce the likelihood of post donation reaction.
- Gym mats are utilized for post-donation recovery area. Refreshing donors on the floor minimizes fall risk and allows for utmost safety of students post donation.
- Upon request, Indiana Blood Center provides a Donor Care Specialist to provide care for any student with post-donation concerns reporting to the nurse’s station. This ensures the school nurse remains available to manage other student health concerns on the day of the blood drive.
- Indiana Blood Center physician contact information is given to each student who experiences a reaction post-donation so that should a parent have any questions or concerns, the physician may be contacted.