

Scarlet Oaks New Student Welcome

Frequently Asked Questions



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OVER THE SUMMER

Q. What information will I receive from the Scarlet Oaks about the new school year over the summer?

A. Watch for mailings over the summer. You will receive communication from your career-technical teacher over the summer. You will also be receiving a mailing from the office of Student Services with important back to school information. Please make sure to check both your mailbox and your email.

Q. If needed, how do I contact a Scarlet Oaks counselor over the summer?

A. During the summer, counselor's work unique hours/days. You can call (513) 771-8810 x5752 to check to see if a counselor is available.

Q. What if I have a question about riding the bus next year?

A. All transportation questions should be directed to your student's home school transportation offices.

Deer Park	513-891-0222	St. Bernard	513-482-7121
Lockland	513-531-8384	Sycamore	513-686-1785
Mason	513-398-6682	Winton Woods	513-619-
Norwood	513-531-8384	2405	
Princeton	513-554-0105	Wyoming	513-531-8384
Reading	513-842-5100		

Q. Will I get an opportunity to tour the building this summer?

A. For incoming juniors, This is an excellent opportunity to meet your academic and career tech teachers and find out where your classes are. We encourage you to plan on attending the back to school event as many of your questions will be answered. The first day of school for incoming juniors is **Wednesday, August 14th** and for returning seniors, **Thursday, August 15th**.

Q. When will I receive my schedule for next year?

A. We generally pass out schedules during the ***Schedule Pickup Day on Monday, August 12th***. If you are unable to attend ***Schedule pick up Day***, you can pick up your schedule in the Student Services Office after August 12th.

Q. What are the shuttle bus times between campuses?

A. If you attend a homeschool that doesn't traditionally send a bus directly to Scarlet Oaks, there are options to catch a shuttle bus. The current shuttle bus schedule is as follows:

Live Oaks to Scarlet – departs at 7:05am

Scarlet to Live Oaks – departs at 7:15am and returns at 2:50pm

Scarlet to Diamond Oaks – departs at 7:15am and returns at 2:50pm

Diamond Oaks to Scarlet – departs at 7:10am and returns at 2:45pm

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Q. What time does school start and end?

A. The school day at Scarlet Oaks begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:18 p.m.

Q. How long is each class?

A. Students will spend half of their day in their career-technical labs. Each lab last 2.5 hours. The remainder of the day will be spent in academic classes that last approximately 45 minutes each.

Q. If my home school is not in session, but Scarlet Oaks is, what do I do?

A. Once admitted to the Scarlet, students then follow [2024-2025 School Calendar](#). There will be a bus at your home school to pick you up even if your home school is not in session. In the event of a Snow Day, if your home school DOES NOT provide transportation or is closed, you are not required to report to school.

Q. Will I be able to go back to my home school for special activities such as pep rallies?

A. Absolutely! These are important events and you will be able to leave early to participate with your home school peers. Please pay attention to the audio announcements and our video announcement screens. Staff from your homeschool may also send you emails about it as well.

Q. Can I drive a car to school?

A. You bet! Just like your home school, students can drive and park their car at Scarlet. However, for safety reasons, we ask that you fill out a Parking Pass form that is located in Student Services. Please note, in order to be assigned a parking pass, students must show their driver's license and proof of insurance. Please remember that driving to school is a privilege and not a right, so student conduct and any driving safety issues could result in driving privileges being revoked. Also, please remember that tardiness to school due to car trouble is considered an unexcused absence so please allow plenty of time to arrive. **BE SMART and BE SAFE!**

Q. Can my parent or guardian drive me to school?

Absolutely, but parents should drop you off in the front of the building at the commissary entrance between 6:30 – 7:50 am. After 7:50, students will need to enter through the main entrance at the front of the school. The entrance to the building is opened each morning at 6:30 a.m.

Q. Is there an attendance policy?

A. Yes. The purpose of Great Oaks Career Campuses is to educate students with real-life, hands-on experiences in preparation for the work force or college readiness. The Board of Education believes that excellent attendance is an important part of that education and properly prepares students to adjust in the workforce and in college. Therefore, students are expected to be on time and attend school every day. Remember, students will follow the Scarlet Oaks school calendar, not the home school calendar. Students, just like in your home school district, it is your parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to ensure that students comply with compulsory attendance laws.

Q. What is Final Forms?

A. Final Forms is an online database that keeps Emergency Medical Forms and other pertinent student data for the school year. Even if you use Final Forms at your homeschool, you will need another account set up for Scarlet Oaks. Your parent/guardian will receive an email with

directions on how to set up your account in late April or May. This has to be completed within the first 2 weeks of school.

Q. Is there a dress code?

A. Yes. Scarlet Oaks has program-specific uniforms and general dress code guidelines for special days when uniforms are not required. Many of our career paths require an on the job dress code and we feel strongly that students begin learning those positive work place habits while still in high school. We will periodically announce non-uniform dress days throughout the year. All students will be expected to be in proper uniform the **first day of school**. If there are extenuating circumstances, please communicate with your lab instructor on an alternate plan.

Q. Will I get a locker?

A. Yes, all students at Scarlet Oaks have the opportunity to be assigned a school locker and sometimes a lab locker. Please be wise and don't switch lockers or share combinations. Please leave valuable items at home as Scarlet is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen items.

Q. So... How is the food at Scarlet Oaks?

A. The lunchroom serves a variety of foods, from the traditional "plate lunch" to salads, deli sandwiches and pizza. Most students can find an appealing economic lunch option and we receive many positive comments about the taste and variety of options. For those students who prefer, bag lunches can be brought from home as well. Remember, students who qualify are also eligible for free lunches just as you are in your home school. A free lunch form needs to be filled out each school year, they do not roll over from home schools. Our building is cashless, so all students will be able to set up a lunch account through *Payschools* that allows students and families to add money to their accounts.

Q. How can I get involved at Scarlet Oaks?

A. All Great Oaks students can become members of a career technical student organization (CTSO's). Within these organizations, students will have opportunities to run for leadership positions and compete in local, regional, state and sometimes national competitions. There are also opportunities to become school ambassadors, student influencers, the Student Equity Leadership Council, and of course students can also apply to become members of the National Technical Honor Society. Don't forget, we also strongly encourage you to participate in extracurricular activities at your home school.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SCARLET OAKS

Q. Where will my High School Diploma come from if I attend Scarlet Oaks?

A. Your High School Dipoloma comes from your home school district and not Scarlet Oaks. Our counselors work closely with each school district to ensure that all students meet their home school graduation requirments. You will have the opportunity to attend both your high school

graduation ceremony and the Scarlet Oaks Senior Recognition Ceremony where we issue passports and industry credentials along with any college credit earnings.

Q. I really want to go to college. Will attending one of the Great Oaks schools put me on the right path to do so?

A. First and foremost, career-technical studies encourage both college attendance and/or entry into the workforce. In fact, career technical programs help students focus on their career aspirations so that they'll be better students in post-secondary institutions while also being prepared to enter the workforce, if so desired. Some students are able to pay their way through college with part-time jobs for which their career-technical studies prepared them. All students should have options – to finish high school and go to college or go to work first and then consider college and the career center choice provides students with that choice. The school-to-work transition is all about eliminating different tracks for different students and providing relevant academic and career-technical instruction and career guidance for all students. As a matter of fact, Tech Prep programs commit students to continue their education beyond high school and college courses. This concept is similar to the way advanced placement programs allow students to do some college level work while still in high school. Many of our programs allow students to earn college credits while also earning industry certifications. The Career Tech option allows you the choice while managing college costs much differently than those traditional students entering college.

Q. How has career-technical education contributed to the academic success of high school students?

Current national studies show that *nearly two-thirds* of all high school career technical graduates enter some form of a post-secondary program. That means that nearly 70% of our students go on to further their education. Career technical programs strongly encourage high school graduates to continue their education. As an example, within career technical education, Tech Prep links course work in the last two years of high school with related education programs at Cincinnati State Community College, Sinclair Community College, and other post-secondary technical schools. When career-technical and academic instruction is combined in intellectually rigorous courses centered on groups of similar career-related skills and interests, the resulting course of study is an academically challenging alternative to the standard college prep regimen.

Q. Why does career-technical education focus on the benefits of college?

A. National statistics tell us that less than half of all students who enroll in college earn a four-year degree; yet their debt to try follows them for many years. Job market analysts say that only 20% of America's jobs require a bachelor's degree or higher education. But 65 % of good jobs that can provide wonderful careers require something less than four years of college. Only 15 % of America's jobs are available to people without skill training. Many careers can be launched with a two-year college associate's degree – such as, medical and health services (nurses, medical technicians, dental hygienists etc.), as well as manufacturing and service technician fields (computer systems technicians, graphic arts designers, aircraft mechanics, engineering technicians).

Q. What is the biggest difference I will notice between my home school and Scarlet Oaks?

A. Since all students are different, it is difficult to answer this question. Many of our students indicated being concerned about developing new friendships, almost all report that they remain good friends with home school friends while being able to develop completely different and

positive friendships with students from other schools at the Scarlet. Rest assured, when you leave Scarlet Oaks, you will have many new friendships and will be well prepared academically for college and will also have the skills and tools in a specific trade, giving you a strong advantage in today's job market.

Q. Are students with disabilities able to participate in these programs?

A. Absolutely. Career-technical programs are accessible to all students. The law requires equality of access and we support students from varying abilities in our programs. In fact, a recent study of 8,000 students identified with disabilities revealed that those students who chose career-technical education have better attendance, stay in school longer, attend post-secondary career-technical programs and have a better job after two years.

Q. Is career-technical education for students who don't do well in a traditional high school?

A. YES and NO! Many students describe being appreciative for a 'fresh start' by attending the career center. However, many other career-technical students find that they were not being challenged in a way that gave them the desire to learn that hands on programs that Scarlet Oaks has given them. At Scarlet Oaks, students learn the core academics that they learn at their home schools, but they also have the ability to spend half of their day engaged in the hands-on, career-focused training that they want to spend their lives in. We often see students improve their grades in just one year, which is a direct result of having a different focus and interest in learning.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING HOW CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION POSITIVELY IMPACTS YOUR LEARNING AND INTEREST IN SCHOOL!

REMEMBER CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS YOUR CHOICE AND IT IS YOUR FUTURE!