



Welcome to Scarlet Oaks!

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, we have compiled this New Student Information Packet to answer common questions and provide information to help you navigate your journey with us. We're thrilled to have you join our Scarlet Oaks community dedicated to learning and growth. Whether you are coming to Scarlet to explore a passion, gain hands-on skills, or prepare for your future career, you've made an excellent choice!



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Important Information

Q: What should I do if I am going to be absent, tardy or need an early dismissal?

Have your parent/ guardian complete the attendance form on our website. This information will be sent directly to our attendance team.

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

You will receive important back-to-school information by mail over the summer. Additionally, an email from Final Forms will be sent in June. This communication is essential, as all required forms must be completed before the first day of school in order for students to receive their laptops.

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

Incoming juniors can meet their academic and career tech teachers and find out where their classes are during the back-to-school event. The first day for juniors is Wednesday, August 13th (New Student Orientation Day). Seniors will start on Thursday, August 14th.

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

Schedules are distributed during New Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 13th.

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

Follow the Scarlet Oaks 2025-2026 School Calendar. A bus will pick you up from your home school even if it's not in session. On a Snow Day, if your home school doesn't provide transportation or is closed, attendance is not required.

Q: What is Final Forms?

Final Forms is an online database for storing Emergency Medical Forms and other student data. Remember, you will need to complete final forms for your home school and Scarlet!

Q: What time does school start and end?

School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:18 p.m.

Q: How long is each class?

Students spend half their day in career-technical labs (2.5 hours each), and the other half in academic classes (45 minutes each).

Q: Will I be taking all of my classes at Scarlet Oaks?

Yes, the majority of our students take their academic and lab classes at Scarlet Oaks.

Q: Is there an attendance policy?

Yes! Excellent attendance is crucial for preparing students for the workforce or college. Follow the Scarlet Oaks school calendar and ensure compliance with attendance laws.

Q: Is there a dress code?

Yes, Scarlet Oaks has program-specific uniforms that are required daily. All information can be found on our website.

Q: Will I get a locker?

Yes, students are assigned school lockers upon request from their lab instructors. Do not share combinations and leave valuables at home.

Q: How is the food at Scarlet Oaks?

The lunchroom offers a variety of economic meal options, including traditional lunches, salads, deli sandwiches, and pizza. Students must set up a lunch account through Payschools since the cafeteria does not accept cash.

Q: What if I qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch?

Be sure to complete the School Meal Application packet linked on our website. Students must complete this for their home school and Scarlet Oaks in order to qualify.

Q: How can I get involved at Scarlet Oaks?

Join career technical student organizations (CTSO's) or become a school ambassador, student influencer, or member of the Student Equity Leadership Council. Also, participate in activities at your home school.

Q: Will I be able to go back to my home school for special activities?

Yes, you can attend important events at your home school. Make sure to stay updated by checking announcements, emails, and other communications from your home school. Keep in mind that you must follow your home school's rules—like attendance, tardies, and discipline—in order to be eligible to participate in those events and activities.

Transportation

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

Direct all transportation questions to your home school's transportation department:

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

Q: What are the shuttle bus times between campuses?

If your homeschool doesn't send a bus directly to Scarlet Oaks, here are the shuttle bus schedules:

- Live Oaks to Scarlet: departs at 7:05 am
- Scarlet to Live Oaks: departs at 7:15 am and returns at 2:50 pm
- Scarlet to Diamond Oaks: departs at 7:15 am and returns at 2:50 pm
- Diamond Oaks to Scarlet: departs at 7:10 am and returns at 2:45 pm
- Laurel Oaks to Scarlet: departs at 6:00 am and returns at 3:45 pm

Q: Can I drive a car to school?

Yes, but you must fill out a Parking Pass form in Student Services, showing your driver's license and proof of insurance. Driving is a privilege and may be revoked for misconduct.

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

Yes, parents can drop you off at the designated drop off and pick up areas between 7:30 am and 7:50 am. All students enter through the commissary doors. After 7:50 am, students are required to enter through the main office.

General Questions

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

Your diploma will be issued by your home school district. Scarlet Oaks provide all students a career passport. You are able to attend both your high school graduation and the Scarlet Oaks Senior Recognition Ceremony.

Q: Will attending Scarlet Oaks affect my path to college?

Career-technical studies encourage college attendance and workforce entry. Many programs offer college credits and certifications, providing a cost-effective approach to education.

Q: How does career-technical education contribute to academic success?

Data shows nearly two-thirds of career technical graduates pursue post-secondary education. Programs link high school coursework with post-secondary education, offering a rigorous alternative to traditional college prep.

Q: Why does career-technical education focus on college benefits?

Many well-paying jobs require less than a four-year degree. Career-technical education provides skills for jobs requiring associate degrees, offering a debt-conscious path to successful careers.

Q: What is the biggest difference between my home school and Scarlet Oaks?

Scarlet Oaks offers a unique environment to form new friendships and gain career-focused training, while maintaining academic preparedness for college and the job market.

Q: Are students with disabilities able to participate?

Yes, career-technical programs are accessible to all students, supporting varied abilities and encouraging post-secondary success.

Q: Is career-technical education for students who don't excel in traditional high school?

Yes and No. It offers a fresh start for some and provides challenging, hands-on learning that may not be available at home schools, often improving academic performance.