# FAQ for Parents

If you're reading this FAQ, that likely means your son or daughter has the opportunity to attend Great Oaks.

It's a chance for them to:

- concentrate on a specific field while they're still in high school.
- earn college credit AND industry certifications.
- experience a career field, to decide whether they want to continue it in the future (instead of deciding after a year or more of college).
- get a head start—or a fresh start.

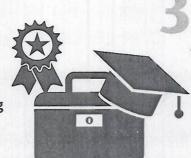
Great Oaks works with the high school in your area to make sure students are successful.

These pages answer the most common questions that parents have. If you have other questions, or want more information, we hope you'll call or e-mail us. *See contact info on back*.

### Performance measures for Class of 2016

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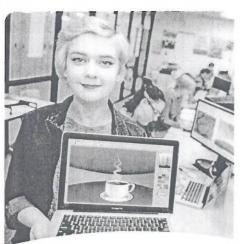
of the class of 2016 are working and/or pursuing further education



college credits
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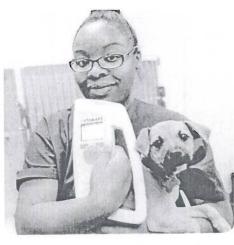
### My daughter wants to go to college. Is that possible with a Great Oaks education?

Yes! Many Great Oaks graduates go directly to college, usually with college credit they earned during high school. Great Oaks students have the option of earning transferable college credit for academic classes without having to take AP courses or leave school during the school day to go to a college campus. College Credit Plus courses are taught by college-certified instructors on Great Oaks campuses.

We also have more than 180 articulation agreements with colleges and universities. Through their career programs, students can earn credit that will give them a head start in similar programs at those colleges and universities.

## My son isn't sure about his future career. Why should he go to Great Oaks?

Many students are interested in particular career fields, but aren't sure if that's what they want to



do with their lives. Great Oaks gives students the chance to explore a career before they go to college – a much less expensive option than taking a year or more of college and then deciding to change programs. Of course, many students also discover that the Great Oaks career program they've chosen is exactly right for them.

# Can my child still participate in activities at his/her home high school?

Yes. Students are encouraged to continue to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities at their current

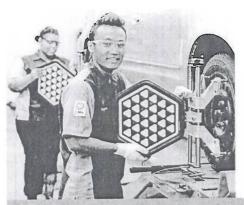
schools. They will also have the opportunity to participate in leadership activities at the career campus through Career-Technical Student Organizations, Junior ROTC, and National Technical Honor Society.

# How does Great Oaks help a student successfully connect with job opportunities?

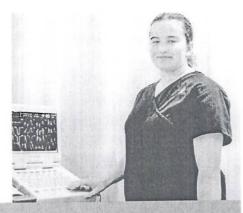
Students who meet the grade and attendance requirements are eligible for placement in their senior year. Students fulfill their academic requirements at school and leave the campus to go to work. These job opportunities often lead to full-time employment after graduation. After graduation, students may also contact the Great Oaks placement office for employment leads in their desired field.

### How much does it cost for my child to attend Great Oaks?

Free public education is provided through the tax support of citizens and businesses of the entire district. Some programs







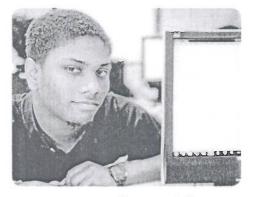
Great Oaks is right for students who:

- are interested in a career field and want to explore it NOW.
- enjoy hands-on learning from experienced professionals.
- want to graduate with options, ready for a career AND college.

require that students purchase uniforms. Financial assistance for uniforms may be available for students in need.

### Is transportation provided to the campuses?

Home schools provide transportation to their nearest Great Oaks campus. Students may also drive to school and parking is free. Ask your child's current school counselor any questions you may have about transportation.



### Does Great Oaks provide programs and services for students with special needs?

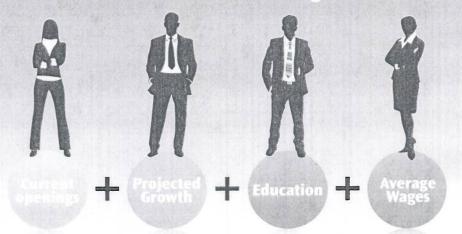
Yes, Great Oaks programs are open to students with special needs. Intervention Specialists support and coordinate services between the student, parent, home school, other agencies and related personnel, and Great Oaks staff as outlined in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The Great Oaks staff has experience in working with students with disabilities. The Great Oaks staff focuses on developing employability skills, content knowledge, and student independence to ensure students are successful and prepared for the industry's credentials and requirements.

# Many of the Buckeye Top 50 careers start at Great Oaks!

The Buckeye Top 50 are high-wage occupations in Ohio.

The Top 50 are in demand by employers and are projected to stay in demand. The Top 50 pay average annual earnings of more than \$59,600.

### Consider this when choosing a career



#### ▼ Interested in these Top 50 jobs? Try these Great Oaks programs \(\neg \)

- Construction Professional HVAC Mechanics/Installer Truck Driver/Mechanic



Construction & Transportation

- Electricity
  Construction Framing and
  Finishing Technologies
  Construction Technologies
- Heavy Equipment Operations & Engineering Industrial Diesel Mechanics



**Health Care** 

- Dental Assisting Exercise Science & Sports Medicine
- Health Technology Secondary Practical Nursing Surgical Technology

- Biomedical Engineer Computer Software Engineer Computer System Analyst Medical Scientist Network & Computer System Administrator



Information Technology, Engineering & Science

- Computer Service Technician & Networking Engineering Technologies & Robotics
- Web Applications & Game Development

Job opportunities in high-wage jobs require education and training

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

OhioLMI.com

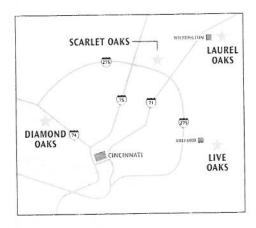
### How does my teen apply to Great Oaks?

- The student and parent complete an application online either at *application.greatoaks.com* or on *greatoaks.com* (if you do not have Internet access, contact your high school counselor).
- Completed applications generate a confirmation e-mail sent to:
  - Student
  - Parent
  - · High school counselor
  - Great Oaks career specialist
- After first semester grades are finalized, the high school counselor will complete their portion of the application.
- All completed applications will be reviewed for admission beginning Feb. 6.
- For priority admission consideration, make sure that the application has been processed completely by midnight Feb. 5.
- Applications received after Feb. 5 will be considered if space is available. Remember that many programs fill up fast, so don't delay!
- Applications are accepted through the second week of the school year.

### Important tips for students

- Your past grades and attendance are very important. Strive for the best GPA and attendance during your 9th and 10th grade years.
- As soon as your application is processed you will receive notification of your admission status.
- Once accepted to your program, your career-technical instructor will contact you prior to the start of school to answer any specific questions.

There is no fee to apply to the Great Oaks Career Campuses.



#### Diamond Oaks Campus

6375 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45247 Contact Career Specialist Laura Domet 513.612.7006 or dometl@greatoaks.com

#### Laurel Oaks Campus

300 Oak Drive Wilmington, OH 45177 Contact Career Specialist Bill Davis 937.655.5407 or 1.800.752.5480 or davisw@greatoaks.com

#### Live Oaks Campus

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#### Scarlet Oaks Campus

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