

The Great Oaks

An alternative to full-time high school

"The Great Oak vocational facilities are designed to give students an outstanding opportunity to learn marketable job skills while maintaining the option of higher education," commented counselor Sherry Case.

Though eight to ten percent of juniors and seniors attend either Scarlet, Live, or Diamond Oaks, all students are educated thoroughly about the program. In eighth grade, students attend Scarlet Oaks to familiarize them with vocational and career options. During sophomore year, students attend an assembly about the Oaks programs. Interested sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to tour the Oaks and talk to their counselor about enrollment options.

Sixty-two students attended the program this year. There are many courses offered at Scarlet

Oaks such as: Auto Collision, Hotel and Restaurant Management, Law Enforcement, Radio and Television Communications, Masonry, and Cosmetology.

Students who complete the program are eligible for college scholarships based on academic success, leadership, and involvement in activities. Students enrolled in the Oaks have an opportunity to attend half day or full day courses for one or two years. Attendees graduate from Sycamore and receive a Vocational Certificate of Completion form from the Oaks.

The Great Oaks program gives students an opportunity to expand their horizons and give them hands-on experience in the career they hope to pursue.

by Josh Gausman



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