

# Hoover School Community Information Network Let Us Know How We're Doing.... June 15 through June 28, 2007

74 Views

36 Completed Responses

Average Time to Complete Survey 6 Minutes

## **How often do you visit our site?**

- 8% Every day
- 25% Several times a week
- 36% **About once a week**
- 22% Several times a month
- 8% About once a month
- 0% Less than once a month
- 0% This is my first visit here

## **I am a (check as many as apply):**

- 39% **Parent of a Hoover School student**
- 3% Grandparent of a Hoover School student
- 9% Other relative of a Hoover School student
- 5% Current Educator in the Hoover School system
- 3% Former Educator in the Hoover School system
- 32% Hoover Resident
- 2% Person Employed in Hoover, but not living in Hoover
- 8% Other

**Responses under "Other" included:** small business owner in Hoover, school nurse, employed with school

**Please grade our HSCIN website in the following areas, on a scale of Poor to Excellent:**

- 1 - Poor**
- 2 - Fair**
- 3 - Good**
- 4 - Above Average**
- 5 - Excellent**

- 3.6 Ease of navigation
- 4.0 Relevancy of information posted
- 3.9 Accuracy of information posted
- 3.7 Amount of information posted
- 4.0 Timeliness of information posted
- 3.9 Helpful links to other information sources posted

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**Agree**

**Disagree**

**Undecided**

The HSCIN website helps me to be better informed about decisions being made that affect my family.

- 71% Agree
- 11% Disagree
- 17% Undecided

The HSCIN website provides information in a fact-based format, rather than providing opinions.

- 79% Agree
- 15% Disagree
- 6% Undecided

The HSCIN website helps me to understand difficult concepts in education, such as No Child Left Behind, Accountability provisions, and the like.

- 62% Agree
- 18% Disagree
- 21% Undecided

The HSCIN website allows me to “catch up” on what’s going on in our school community in an easy and helpful way.

- 91% Agree
- 3% Disagree
- 6% Undecided

The HSCIN website presents varying points of view on educational topics.

- 65% Agree
- 12% Disagree
- 24% Undecided

The HSCIN website has helped me and/or my family locate resources we didn’t know were available.

- 47% Agree
- 15% Disagree
- 38% Undecided

The HSCIN website is integral to our school community's communications.

65% Agree  
18% Disagree  
18% Undecided

I feel more informed about our school system because of the information the HSCIN website provides.

82% Agree  
6% Disagree  
12% Undecided

I feel more informed about educational issues because of the information the HSCIN website provides.

68% Agree  
15% Disagree  
18% Undecided

I feel more like a part of our school community because of the information the HSCIN website provides.

68% Agree  
24% Disagree  
9% Undecided

**Please tell us about which items you would like to see more information, the same amount of information, or less information.**

**More**  
**Same**  
**Less**

Hoover School system news

63% More  
37% Same  
0% Less

Achievements by Hoover school students

45% More  
52% Same  
3% Less

City of Hoover news that affects the operation of our school system

63% More  
31% Same  
6% Less

State of Alabama news that affects the operation of our school system

60% More

38% Same

3% Less

Education news from across the state

24% More

62% Same

15% Less

United States news that affects the operation of our school system

41% More

56% Same

3% Less

Education news from across the country

21% More

53% Same

26% Less

Comparison data comparing Hoover to other systems in Alabama

57% More

40% Same

3% Less

Comparison data comparing Hoover to other systems across the country

49% More

46% Same

6% Less

More information on Hoover school teachers and their accomplishments

71% More

26% Same

3% Less

**What subjects would you like to see addressed or further developed on the HSCIN website?**

As re-zoning comes to the table once again, I hope to see information concerning it. Also, perhaps data comparing 'mega high schools' to ones that are smaller in # of students.

developing the whole student - scholar, leader, & athlete; growing the school system - plan for continued growth; consolidation of critical programs to maximize resources, i.e. IB, academies, special needs, gifted-non IB, pre-K, language immersion program to bring non-English speakers up to grade level; rezoning options to show the city what their

school would look like if we truly zoned for community schools as opposed to moving children all over Hoover to spread demographics around; creation of a technology school like Huntsville; added benefits of developing a vocational school; benefits of offering a foreign language starting in Kindergarten - most G8 countries have their elementary students speaking, reading and writing English; we can no longer hope to achieve success for our children's future if we believe all children graduating from Hoover's school system will go to college - we need to plan and build for other options and pursue creative training methods/opportunities with local industries to educate those students to be productive members of our community;

Add information about decisions the City Council makes that directly effects the school system.

Love the info on the Board's decisions, when there is any to give. Very interested in Simmons new leader. Will my son be able to drink milk at school this year?

Budgeted items and how it affects the different schools and the departments there in.

I would like to see a mechanism where concerned parents could successfully mobilize to tackle a problem in their school when they see it. For instance, I think we should probably still have Enrichment in the middle schools or something else besides just Advanced Math. But, I don't have a good way of finding other parents who might feel the same way to join forces and see if we could get something done about it. I think problems like these could be more effectively addressed if we could work on them in groups, instead of individually, and this website might be a good way for the concerned individuals to find one another.

Upcoming City Council issues including committee meetings such as zoning that will affect the school system.

I think sometimes this site concentrates on too many issues. I really believe that this community needs to focus and refocus on what is happening here and how it affects our schools.

I would like to see how the residents of Hoover and parents of Hoover School children plan to take back their community from the arrogant Board and City Council.

Some information on what our state legislators are doing both to help the school district and the state. Seems we have a representative in our district who is somewhat of a phantom.

### **How did you first hear about this site?**

0% Search engine  
14% Another web site  
26% Newspaper article  
23% PTO or PTA  
26% Friend or business associate  
6% Don't know/don't remember  
6% Other

**Responses under “Other” included:** board meeting

### **Any further comments?**

Thank you for making the information published on this site available.

Thanks, you show, you don't have to be popular to be informative and influential.

I don't think that this site should become a place to list accomplishments of students and/or school employees. There are plenty of places for us to get that information. This site will serve the community by providing information about school district policies, board actions, issues, etc.

Great Job!!!!

You need to print your website in printed media in Hoover Community. i.e. SCHOOL CLIPPINGS, HOOVER GAZETTE.

Thank all of you for providing a valuable service to our community free-of-charge; thank you for persevering in your mission in spite of the heat sometimes directed at you.

It continually appears that the way questions are formatted for surveys are asked in such a way that predetermined answers will surface more times than not.

When I mention this website to friends, they don't seem to know about it. I read about it in the Bham News. Is there some other way we can get the word out to those who don't read the paper? It's a great tool and I just wish more parents knew about it.

thank you for shedding some light on the Hoover school system.

Thank you for what you are doing! Keep it up!

Keep up the good work.

Keep up the good work. (Note from HSCIN: This is not a typo. The same answer was given twice.)

I would just like to see you get more of your information to the general public. After spending one year as a Hoover City School employee I have been very amazed and appalled at the way the school board has been allowed to make decisions without more public input. I am very glad we only have 2 more years to put up with this school system. I have had many years of dealing with the board and powers that be, and all I can say is that if more of the public knew what goes on there would be an elected school board. Keep up the good work.

I feel a school and community information forum such as this site is very important for our community. My concern is that, along with positive information that helps children and families, there is also school system "bashing". Although I don't always agree with the decisions made by our school board, I think we need to be careful to not portray them as untrustworthy. Our community's greatest asset is our school system. It is the engine that drives property values. The recent survey regarding the performance of the school's leadership seemed to be a "fishing expedition" to try to stir up controversy. Our school system has went through MAJOR changes in the last 5 years just in terms of the leadership. In addition to that the city has faced a great deal of growth and a lot of transitional families move in and out of the system. In spite of that, we still have great achievements taking place in every school building and every classroom in this community. Regarding our leadership, please keep in mind that if you put anyone under a microscope you will find flaws. I'm sure if the leadership of this organization was scrutinized as much as the school officials are, some would find fault with you as well. All I ask is that you keep the information and surveys you post in perspective. Share the good and the bad. Don't villainize our school's leadership, they are people too. Sometimes they are going to make mistakes, but they are more likely to listen to us if we approach them in a manner that is understanding and seeks to partner with them--not crucify them. And just so you know--I have not always had positive experiences with our school leadership, but I try to keep that in perspective and not paint the whole group with a broad brush. I also have to remind myself that just because I disagree with them on some issues does not mean I disagree with them on every issue.