

What's New? Week of January 1, 2007

Hoover City School District Calendar - This calendar outlines all of the activities going on in our Hoover City Schools.

Go to the Home Page of the new [Hoover City Schools' website](#), click on "School Activity Calendars", then at the top of that list, click on "Board of Education". Check the box labeled "HCS District Calendar", then "view selected calendars".

Stanford Test Scores from 1996 - 2006

Graphical representations of Stanford Achievement Test Scores from 1996 to the present are now available on [individual school pages](#) at the top of each page.

To see the entire document of all Hoover City Schools, Grades 3 through 8, click [here](#).

Stanford Test Comparison by System 2006

Click [here](#) for a presentation of how Hoover City Schools compared with surrounding city systems on the 2006 Stanford 10 Achievement Test.

Stanford Test Comparison by System 1996 to 2006

Click [here](#) for a document outlining how Hoover City Schools compared with five other City systems in Alabama --- Mountain Brook City, Homewood City, Auburn City, Madison City, and Vestavia City--- over the last eleven years.

Stanford Test Comparison by Demographic Group 2006 - *posted 12/30/06*

Click [here](#) for a presentation of Hoover City Schools two largest demographic population groups, white and black children, performed on the Stanford Achievement Test 2006.

Click here for the document entitled "[Inside the Black Box of High-Performing, High-Poverty Schools](#)", produced by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence in February 2005. It takes a close look at schools that achieve high academic success for children of low socioeconomic status and what ingredients are necessary for success.

ARMT Results 2004 to 2006

[2006 State of Alabama ARMT Results](#)

[2005 State of Alabama ARMT Results](#)

[2004 State of Alabama ARMT Results](#)

Public Education Network's [The Public Speaks Out on No Child Left Behind](#) -

posted 12/31/06. Published in February 2006, this document presents results of public hearings conducted by the Public Education Network to determine what the public, rather than educators and administrators, believes should be changed, if anything, about NCLB. Much is said about the lack of implementation of the parental involvement provisions delineated in NCLB.

An excerpt: "**Enforced Parent Involvement Provisions**

Parents want NCLB's existing parent involvement provisions to be implemented, specifically the "parents' right to know" provisions at state, district, and school levels such as parent compact, parent policies, and parental notifications. Orientation and training is needed so that parents can participate in more meaningful ways, and training for school and district officials is needed so they can more effectively engage parents. A complaint procedure mechanism should be added for parents who contend that their school district is not complying with the law's requirements."

[Hoover City Schools have a [Parental Involvement Policy](#) for the sole Title I school, Rocky Ridge Elementary. The Alabama State Department of Education, in April 2003, [recommended that all school districts develop meaningful Parental Involvement Policies](#) for their entire Districts, recognizing that broad parental and family engagement were crucial to a school system's success. Three years after the Resolution, work began last spring on a Parental Involvement Policy for the entire Hoover City School District, but was halted without explanation in May 2006. The HSCIN hopes that the District will recognize the need to develop a formal Policy to encourage educators and families to form long-lasting, meaningful partnerships to ensure academic success for our community's children.]

Alabama Public Library Service Conducting Survey on Library Use - *posted 12/27/06*

APLS needs your help again to promote a ****statewide**** online survey which asks Alabama citizens about how they use public libraries. The survey will be conducted from December 8 through January 5. Citizens' responses will help shape the future of the state's public libraries. APLS will use the information to develop a five-year plan for the state's public libraries for 2008-2012.

To take the survey, click [here](#).

The Hoover Public Library has the highest circulation of any library in the Jefferson County system. It has the fourth highest circulation in the state. Recently, the City Council gave the Library \$1 million to enclose the outdoor library plaza.

Take a moment to visit the [Hoover Public Library's website](#) to see the many varied opportunities and services offered.

From the [City of Hoover](#) Information Page:

[Hoover Public Library](#)

Citizens of Hoover are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful resource in our city. The Hoover Library ranks fourth in the state for highest circulation, and first in Jefferson County.

Take the time to explore their website, and visit them as well. Whether it's finding the right book to read for pleasure or learning a foreign language (check out their Rosetta Stone resource!), the Hoover Public Library offers it all.

News Articles Posted

[Speak Out - XXXXXXXXXXXX \(Labels\) - December 27, Birmingham News](#) - written by a sophomore from Hoover High School.

[New Senior Citizens Center to Open Near End of January - December 27, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover AD Requests Pay Raise for Coaches - December 27, Birmingham News](#)