

## What's New? Week of April 28, 2008

### Important Dates

May 8 - Board of Education Work Session, 5:30 p.m. - Board Evaluation by Alabama Association of School Boards' Executive Director Sally Howell

May 12 - Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

May 20 - Spain Park High School Graduation

May 21 - Hoover High School Graduation

May 22 - Last Day for Students

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for May](#)

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### Class Size Reports 2007-2008 School Year - *posted 04/25/08*

The Alabama State Department of Education requires school systems to file reports of class sizes within their schools. Click the link below to view the class size reports by school and by teacher:

[Bluff Park Elementary](#)  
[Deer Valley Elementary](#)  
[Green Valley Elementary](#)  
[Greystone Elementary](#)  
[Gwin Elementary](#)  
[Riverchase Elementary](#)  
[Rocky Ridge Elementary](#)  
[Shades Mountain Elementary](#)  
[South Shades Crest Elementary](#)  
[Trace Crossings Elementary](#)

[Berry Middle](#)  
[Bumpus Middle](#)  
[Simmons Middle](#)

[Hoover High Freshman Campus](#)  
[Hoover High Senior Campus](#)  
[Spain Park High](#)

The HSCIN will publish reports regarding student/teacher ratios in core classes at all levels, elementary through high school.

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## May 8 Board of Education Work Session - *posted 04/26/08*

Mrs. Sally Howell, Executive Director of the [Alabama Association of School Boards](#), will present the results of the Board's self-evaluation at the May 8 meeting of the Board of Education. While the [policy establishing that the Board must annually conduct this self-study has been in the manual since at least 1994](#), this will be the first recorded instance of the Board actually conducting this self-study.

*Please make plans to attend.*

The Work Session begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Farr Administrative Building.

**Directions to Farr Administrative Building:** Hoover City Schools Central Office is located at 2810 Metropolitan Way. Traveling north on I-459, take Exit 17. Turn left onto Acton Road and proceed for approximately ½ mile. At the traffic light at Old Rocky Ridge Road, turn left. You will see Lakeside Baptist Church on your left and the Rocky Ridge Fire Station on your right. Turn right on Metropolitan Way just past the fire station. The Central Office for Hoover City Schools is on the right. Visitor parking is available in front of the building.

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## Alabama High School Diploma Proposal - *posted 04/22/08*

The State Board of Education is considering making changes in the Alabama High School Diploma. The State Board may vote on this proposal at their May 8 Meeting.

The State Superintendent's proposal is for all students to be initially placed on the Advanced Academic Diploma track. Students are currently placed on the Academic Diploma track. The Advanced Academic Diploma track requires two years of foreign language as well as an Algebra II/Trigonometry class.

Students would have the ability to "opt out" of the Advanced Academic track with their parents' permission.

Students will also be required to take one online distance learning course under Dr. Morton's proposal.

[Click here to go to the web page on the State Department of Education web site outlining those changes.](#)

[Alabama Board of Education to Vote in May on Plan to Toughen Alabama High School Graduation Requirements - March 28, The Birmingham News](#)

[Easier Diploma on Track in State - April 7, The Huntsville Times](#)

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## House Bill 83 - Four Years of Physical Education Could Be Mandated - *posted 04/22/08*

[Bill Would Require PE in All Four Years of High School - March 28, The Birmingham News](#)

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[A+ Newsletter](#) - *posted 04/21/08*

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## [Hoover City Schools News](#)

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### News Articles and Newsletters

#### Hoover News

[Hoover Elementary Schools Going High-Tech - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

[Speak Out: Spain Park's Choir Director's Resignation a Huge Loss for Students - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Foundation Announces 17 Grants for Educational Programs - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

["Grease" Coming to Hoover High Theater This Week - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

[Time Stood Still at Spain Park Prom - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - April 23, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Fifth-Grader Shows Dedication to Child Safety - April 23, Editorial, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Fifth-Grader Seeks Alabama Ban on Toy-Like Lighters - April 21, The Birmingham News](#)