

What's New? July 7, 2008

Important Dates

July 10 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

July 14 - Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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

Registration Dates Coming Up! Be Prepared - *posted 07/05/08*

[Listing of Dates and Times of Registrations](#) (please note that some schools have not yet published their registration days and/or times. Please contact your child's school to obtain that information.) These dates and times were obtained from the [Hoover City Schools Activity Calendar](#) published on their web site.

The first day of school is August 7! Do you know when you are supposed to register your child for school? Most schools have provided you with forms to fill out and bring with you on Registration Day. If you haven't received any forms, you can either check with your child's school, or just show up on Registration Day.

REMEMBER - Proof of residency must be shown before you can register your child for school. Here's the article regarding the proof of residency requirements:

[Hoover Schools Now Require Proof of Residency, Offer Online Fee Pay - June 18, The Birmingham News](#)

Anyone who has ever been through Registration Day knows how long it can take. You can help reduce the amount of time by coming fully prepared to Registration. Paperwork is required, not something made-up by school officials. So do your part by being cooperative and producing the materials you are required to produce to enroll your children in Hoover City Schools.

And before you leave, why not take a moment and thank the folks working registration! Most are parent volunteers who have given their time to help all of us. If you would like to help with your school's registration, contact your PTO/PTSO President and offer to help. It's a great way to get to know the families in your child's school.

Stanford Test Comparisons for Hoover Elementary Schools

- *posted 07/05/08 and 07/06/08*

In December 2006, the HSCIN presented [a series of comparisons of standardized test scores](#). We are currently updating those comparisons utilizing 2007 standardized test scores. The scores for 2008 will not be available until October of 2008. We will continue to add comparisons as we complete them.

Black and White Students Test Comparisons for Hoover Elementary Schools 2007 -
please note that no score listed means that the school did not have more than 10 Black children enrolled in that grade.

Stanford Scores 1996 to 2007 Comparison among 6 City School Systems in Alabama

- This report compares Hoover City Schools with Homewood, Mountain Brook, Vestavia, Auburn, and Madison City systems.

Meeting Between Board of Education and City Council Still Not Set - *posted 06/26/08*

At the April 14, 2008, Board of Education meeting, Education Committee Chairman Gene Smith suggested that a meeting be set between the City Council and the Board of Education to discuss the financial condition of Hoover City Schools. Then-President Donna Frazier stated that she would ensure that meeting was set up and gave instructions to Superintendent Andy Craig's assistant Mary Jo Powell to set up that meeting.

Then-Board member Tom Defnall also requested that a workshop be held as soon as possible to help Board of Education members better understand the financial statements and overall financial condition of Hoover City Schools. That workshop has still not been set.

Below is the discussion about these two items.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXUEQfTYxF0>

What Kind of Partnerships Does Your Child's School Form? - *posted 07/01/08*

School success is closely tied to the types of relationships that schools are able to form with their stakeholders. In their book, Beyond the Bake Sale, family engagement experts Anne Henderson and Karen Mapp offer a checklist for parents and educators to use to help determine what types of relationships they are forming with each other.

Different families at different schools feel very differently about how welcome they are at their child's school and what kind of partnership they have. Those that are currently actively engaged through PTO and other supportive activities typically believe they have a great relationship with the school. Families who believe that they are not welcome at the school don't believe a relationship exists at all.

We encourage you to work through the checklist to determine just what kind of school your child attends: the Partnership School, the Open-Door School, the Come-If-We-Call School, or the Fortress School. What you find may surprise you.

[Click here to view the checklist.](#)

Hoover Schools Curriculum Web Page - *posted 06/23/08*

If you've ever had questions about the curriculum your child is learning, check out the [Hoover City Schools' official curriculum page](#). Specific curriculum frameworks are available by subject and grade level.

The Alabama State Department of Education specifies a course of study for each subject and grade level. Hoover City Schools goes above and beyond what the state requires to provide our children with a top-notch education.

Click to link to each approved Alabama Course of Study:

[Arts](#)

[English](#)

[Math](#)

[Physical Education](#)

[Science](#)

[Social Studies](#)

[Others](#)

[Draft and Public Input Information](#)

Hoover City Schools is undergoing obtaining Board approval for each curriculum as it is reviewed.

Textbook Listing Now Available! - *posted 06/23/08*

[A complete listing of all textbooks](#) used in grades 6 through 12 in Hoover City Schools is now available!

The HSCIN [conducted a survey on community concerns about backpacks](#) last October. Many parents indicated that, if a home set of textbooks is not available in their child's classroom for that particular subject, they purchase them used through Amazon.com or other bookstores.

Remember that many of the textbooks that Hoover is adopting are available electronically and/or on CD.

If you are concerned about your child lugging a heavy backpack, check with your child's teachers (a quick e-mail should do it!) to ask if a duplicate textbook might be available for your child to keep at home. If there are none available, consider purchasing a used textbook, for instance, through Amazon.com. Make certain you have the ISBN number to ensure you are purchasing the correct textbook.

[A+ Newsletter June 17, 2008](#) - *posted 06/21/08*

[Hoover City Schools News](#)

News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

[Qualifying Open for City Elections in Hoover - Editorial, July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[Code of Conduct and Crossroads Changes to be Presented to Board - July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Rotary Golf Tournament Raises \\$11,500 in Scholarships - July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[Proposed Energy-Savings Plan Proposed Would Save Hoover Schools \\$11.8 Million, Company Says - July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Schools Beefing Up Career Tech with Student Internships - July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[Fuel Costs Put Pinch on Hoover City Schools - July 2, The Birmingham News](#)

[New Freshman Campus Principal Brings Even Temper, Eye to Detail - June 25, The Birmingham News](#)

[Berry Middle School Teacher Studies Holocaust in NYC - June 25, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Senior Earns Top ACT Score - June 25, The Birmingham News](#)

[Education Advocacy Group's Report Sees Best Gains by Alabama Students Being Made in Lower Grades - June 24, The Birmingham News](#)

[Schools & The Public - June 23, The Huntsville Times](#)

[Hoover Schools Now Require Proof of Residency, Offer Online Fee Pay - June 18, The Birmingham News](#)

[Students Receive Scholarships for Teacher Education - June 17, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Board of Education Expected to Vote on Associate Principal for Freshman Campus - June 17, The Birmingham News](#)