

Hooper Academy



HOOPER ACADEMY
COLTS

Information Packet

380 Fischer Road ~ Hope Hull, AL 36043
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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a balanced and quality curriculum, which allows each student the opportunity to achieve full potential and maximize mental, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. Students will be provided opportunities to develop self-confidence through knowledge, applied skills, and desirable character traits acquired in a sound academic environment.

www.hooperacademy.org

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Hooper Academy Admission Requirements

1. Prospective families must make application to join the West Montgomery Educational Foundation. Application forms must be accompanied by membership and registration fees.
2. Parents/guardians and children must attend a conference with the Headmaster to discuss the student's academic and behavior record. Children moving from the Day Care Center to Kindergarten can schedule this conference during summer months prior to the next school year. A student may be allowed to enter classes at the Headmaster's discretion prior to board approval, but a family is not officially accepted as members of the foundation until all requirements have been met.
3. Membership and student application forms will be submitted to the Membership and Tuition Committee which may contact references of applicants and upon approval, submit the applicants to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
4. Membership is voted on for approval/rejection by the Board of Trustees at the next scheduled board meeting and the applicant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Hooper Academy Membership Application

Father's Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Father's Employer _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Mother's Employer _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Names of Children to attend Hooper:

1. _____ Grade _____

2. _____ Grade _____

3. _____ Grade _____

4. _____ Grade _____

Personal References:

1. _____ Phone _____

2. _____ Phone _____

Current or Former Member of Hooper Academy:

1. _____ Phone _____

2. _____ Phone _____

How did you hear about Hooper Academy?

A \$100.00 membership fee must accompany this application.

By signing and returning this application you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the West Montgomery Educational Foundation (Hooper Academy).

Signature of Applicant

Hooper Academy Student Entrance Requirements

1. Family must become members of the West Montgomery Educational Foundation.
2. First grade students must be six (6) by September 1.
Kindergarten students must be five (5) by September 1.
3. Must provide a current immunization form
4. Must provide a certified birth certificate
5. Must provide a social security number for students

Hooper Academy Student Registration

For Grade _____ School Year _____ Date _____

Student's Name _____
(last) (first) (middle) (prefers)

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Social Security Number _____ Birthday _____

Student's Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female Phone _____

Nationality ☐ Caucasian ☐ African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Other

Father's Name _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Work) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Father's Employer _____

Mother's Name _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Work) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Mother's Employer _____

Are Parents Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Single ☐

If student resides with someone other than parents, please list name and address of person they reside with

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to Student _____

Name & Address of school from which records may be obtained

School _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Headmaster/Principal _____ Phone _____

Person Completing Form _____

Signature

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REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Dear Principal:

The following student(s) has/have enrolled in Hooper Academy. Please send us transfer grades, cumulative records, immunization forms, test scores, and any other information you have on him/her.

Student's Name:

Grade:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

According to the final regulations..."Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" (Buckley Amendment 99.31 dated January 17, 1976), it is no longer necessary to obtain written consent to release records sent to school officials, including teachers within the educational institution and officials of other schools in school systems in which the student may intend to enroll, who may receive a student's record without written consent for such release.

Parent's Signature

Headmaster's Signature

2023-2024 Hooper Academy Tuition & Fees

Fees:

Foundation Membership Fee:	\$100 (per family / one-time payment)
New Student Registration Fee:	\$175 per student
Facilities Fee:	\$200 per family annually (this fee can be paid at once or added to monthly tuition)
Curriculum Fee:	K5: \$110, Grades 1-6: \$175, Grades 7-12: \$250 (this fee can be paid at once or added to monthly tuition)
Fall Fundraiser:	\$250 per family annually (25/\$10 raffle tickets to be sold by family)
Athletic Fee:	Elementary \$25 per sport; Grades 7 – 12: \$100 per sport
Late Fee:	\$25 if paid after the 15 th of the month; an additional \$50 if not paid by the 25 th of the month
Returned Check Fee:	\$50
Work Assessment Hours:	30 Volunteer work hours during school year or \$750 per family

Annual Tuition Rates

Tuition entitles your child(ren) to admission to all home athletic and fine arts sponsored events with the exception of AISA sponsored tournaments hosted on the campus.

Elementary Tuition Rates* – Grades K5 through 6th

# of Students	June – May	10 Month Payments	12 Month Payments
1	\$ 5,940.90	\$ 594.09	\$ 495.08
2	\$10,951.55	\$ 1,095.16	\$ 912.63
3	\$12,850.11	\$ 1,285.02	\$ 1,070.85
4	\$15,997.97	\$ 1,599.80	\$ 1,333.17

Upper School Tuition Rates – Grades 7th through 12th

# of Students	June – May	10 Month Payments	12 Month Payments
1	\$ 6,790.77	\$ 679.08	\$ 565.90
2	\$11,807.72	\$ 1,180.78	\$ 983.98
3	\$13,626.90	\$ 1,362.69	\$ 1,135.58
4	\$16,744.72	\$ 1,674.48	\$ 1,397.90

*Elementary Tuition Rate: Applies when oldest child or only child is in elementary. If your oldest child will attend an Upper School grade, please refer to Upper School Tuition Rates.

Hooper Academy Work Assessment Program

This work assessment program was created to stimulate and increase participation and involvement by all families in maintenance and other activities at Hooper Academy and was approved by the West Montgomery Education Foundation Board Members. Families who do not wish to participate, may elect to pay the optional assessment of \$750.00 per school year.

Program Guidelines

1. Work Verification Forms are available in the office and show details of work performed, the number of hours worked, a space for your signature, and a space for the form to be signed by an authorizing member. Each individual or family is responsible for completing, signing, acquiring an authorizing member's signature and turning in the form to the office. Authorizing members are any member of the current Board of Trustees, Headmaster, Booster Club officers, PTA officers, Fine Arts officers or teachers in charge of a class trip. **All forms must be submitted, with the appropriate authorized signature, to the office within thirty (30) days of completion of work performed. Any forms submitted without proper signatures or after thirty (30) days will be DENIED.** For assessment program purposes the school year runs from June 1st to May 31st each year.
2. Assessment fees will be prorated according to hours worked.
Example:
Work hours required for each family: $30 \times 25.00 = \$750.00$
Work hours credited to your family: $16 \times 25.00 = \$400.00$
Assessment due for the year: $= \$350.00$
3. Assessment updates will be mailed before the Christmas break to inform participants of the status of their Work Assessment account.
4. Statements for assessments will be mailed April 15th each year and are due on May 31st of the school year. All Work Verification Forms and assessments due must be completed or paid in full before final report cards are issued.
5. Hours worked over 30 per year will not be forwarded to the next year. Donations of hours from one family to another will not be allowed without prior approval of the Headmaster. Any family having trouble acquiring hours may appeal to the Headmaster.

Types of work eligible for work credit include:

- Work on school grounds such as painting, cleaning, cutting grass, maintaining flower beds, striping fields.
- Volunteer work at athletic events such as concession stand workers, working gate, chains, feeding / serving / cleaning after team meals, coaching, and driving multiple students to event if school transportation is not provided.
- Volunteering to work during the setup, clean up and actual event time for other school sponsored events such as Fall Festival, Family Fun Night, Homecoming, Fine Arts Shows, etc.
- Other type work which is pre-approved by Headmaster.

Examples of items not eligible for work assessment:

- Attending a field trip if you are not a designated chaperone
- Assisting with a fundraiser that benefits a single class and not the school as a whole, such as snow cone and camp stew sales
- Items outside of those listed above which are not pre-approved by the Headmaster

Class Trips

1. The teacher or teachers responsible for the class trips will decide how many chaperones are needed for each trip based on transportation and supervision needs. Chaperone names will be submitted to the office by the teacher prior to the field trip. Only designated chaperones will receive credit for work assessment. The teacher in charge will be responsible for signing work verification forms.
2. Work hours for single day field trips will be calculated by when the class leaves the campus and when the class returns to the campus.
3. For overnight tour trips (Space Camp, New York, Boston, Washington D.C. etc.) chaperones will be allowed a total of 12 hours for the trip.

Hooper Academy Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are you accredited?**

Hooper Academy is fully accredited by Accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and The Alabama Independent School Association (AISA). This accreditation is reviewed every five years. Hooper Academy is in excellent standing with this association and strives to exceed the recommended academic standards. Through our state agency, the AISA, our students enjoy interaction/competition with students from other schools in the academic, technology, fine arts, and athletic arenas.

- **How large are your classes?**

Our current average class size is eighteen (18). The kindergarten classes are allowed eighteen (18) students per teacher; grades one through three are allowed twenty-two (22) students; and grades four through six are allowed twenty-five (25). Junior and Senior High classes are allowed twenty-eight (28) students per teacher according to accreditation standards.

- **What is your curriculum like?**

Our textbooks and courses of study are selected with one criteria in mind: to provide solid building blocks for learning. Our elementary curriculum provides continuity and preparation for the upper school with a strong emphasis on reading and math skills. Our upper school courses are selected to fit the recommendations and requirements necessary for graduation in this state and to prepare the students for future studies. Our graduates have furthered their education at such facilities as Auburn University, The University of Alabama, Faulkner University, Troy University, Louisiana State University, The University of Florida, and many others.

- **What are your facilities like?**

The campus houses the main academic building, elementary classroom wing, a gymnasium and cafeteria/lunchroom building, a daycare center, auditorium, playground, and athletic fields. The most recent addition is an elementary wing that opened in the fall of 2007. We also opened a new library and computer lab in the fall of 2007. All of our athletic fields have lighting.

- **Do you have a strong discipline code?**

Yes. Our discipline code is designed to accomplish two things: to maintain a safe environment where students have the opportunity to learn, and to teach children to be self disciplined in their habits. Our code has rules regarding respect of authority, others, and self. Our discipline code is outlined in the Student Handbook provided to every student.

- **Do you have a dress code?**

Yes. We believe that attention to personal grooming habits and attire result in a happier individual and has a good effect on our student body as a whole. Our goal is to help each student put his best foot forward. Our guidelines are outlined in the Student Handbook.

- **Do you offer extended care/supervision?**

We are pleased to have a full service, licensed daycare center on our campus. Since 1989, Hooper Childcare and Early Learning Center has cared for children ages six weeks to pre-kindergarten year-round. Additionally, "Camp Hooper" provides before and after school care, holiday care, and a summer program to assist working parents. The Hooper Childcare and Early Learning Center enjoys outstanding certification from the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

- **Do you offer athletics?**

The Hooper Colts are a competitive team. Whether it is football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, track or baseball, our students are given the opportunity to learn and compete in a program committed to sportsmanship and fairness. The Hooper program has earned state championships in team and individual competition through the Alabama Independent School Association. Boys and girls from the fourth through twelfth grades enjoy a variety of opportunities in athletics.

- **Do you offer religious instruction?**

Hooper Academy is not sponsored by a church or religious group, but we do offer classes in religion. We encourage spiritual awareness and incorporate that belief, while respecting the beliefs of others, in a variety of activities including music programs, daily devotions, the reciting of the pledge of allegiance, and other activities. Grades 1st – 6th are afforded the opportunity to participate in weekly chapel, every Friday morning. Chapel for students in grades 7-12 is also observed at Hooper. Family values are reinforced, the principle of good living, making positive choices, and loving each other are some of the subjects discussed each Friday.

- **How are your school policies set?**

A Board of Directors comprised of twelve (12) Hooper parents sets Hooper Academy's operating policy. At an annual board meeting held in May of each year, Hooper families elect board members to three-year terms. The Headmaster is entrusted with the administration of the school.

- **What is your admission process?**

In addition to the required application forms included in this packet, a visit to the campus is an equally important part of the process. A student's academic record, standardized test scores, and discipline record should be provided with the application. The Headmaster will review these records and meet with the applicant(s). Hooper Academy admits students regardless of race, color, national and ethnic origin to its programs.

- **Where are you located?**

Hooper Academy is located five minutes south of the I-85/I-65 Interchange in Montgomery at Hope Hull. From I-65 South, exit left at Highway 31 South (Exit 164). Turn right on Fischer Road and follow this access road to the campus.

- **How may I obtain more information?**

Please phone the school office at (334) 288-5980 and speak with the headmaster regarding the academic program. For information regarding daycare, please contact (334) 288-2770.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting our website at www.hooperacademy.org.

Hooper Academy Extra Curricular Activities

It is the goal of Hooper Academy to provide a well-rounded education for our students. We believe to do this a student must develop socially as well as academically. By participating in one or more of the following organizations it will allow students to achieve those objectives.

- National Honor Society (10th -12th grades)
- National Junior Honor Society (7th - 9th grades)
- National Elementary Honor Society (3rd - 6th grades)
- Student Government Association
- Performing Arts
- Yearbook/Journalism
- Science Club
- Spanish Club

Hooper Academy Athletics

A strong mind complimented by a strong, physically-fit body makes for a well-rounded student. Hooper Academy strives to provide numerous types of athletics for our students so that there will be something for every student interested in participating in sports. Students who fulfill their academic requirements may participate in the school's wide array of varsity and junior varsity sports beginning in the seventh grade.

- Football - Grades 4-12
- Volleyball – Grades 7-12
- Basketball – Grades 7-12
- Baseball – Grades 7-12
- Softball – Grades 7-12
- Cheerleading – Grades 4-12
- Track – Grades 7-12