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School Enrollment in Hoover: Documents, Address and 2026 Guide

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SHORT ANSWER

This is **the one exception to the two-county theme in this city: the school does not change**. The city has **its own school system**, separate from the two county systems around it, and **your child enrolls in the same district whichever county your address is in**. That was verified first hand from federal boundary data. **But there is a gap and we state it plainly:** the district's own site was tried on **four separate domains and no connection was made on any of them**. So **the enrollment documents, the proof of address rule, the number question and the translation languages are unverified for this city**, and **we do not carry another district's answers over to it**. The value of this guide is not in the answers but in **giving you the right questions**.

The school is not affected by the two counties, but the city limit matters

In every item you read about this city, the answer changed with the county. **Here it does not**. The city's own school system appears in federal boundary data as **a separate district covering the whole city**. Every Hoover address tested fell into **the same district**, whatever its county.

The practical consequence: when you look at a home, **you do not have to choose between the two counties out of school concerns**. But you do have to check one thing: **is the address inside the city limits**. A house a step outside them can fall into **a county school system**, and that is a separate district. [The address lookup](#) gives you **the school district** along with the county; run it before you rent or buy.

What we could not verify, and why

The district's own site was tried on **four separate domains and no connection was made on any of them**. That is not a missing page, it is a server that never answered. **The result:** we cannot give you the answer to any of the questions below for this city, and **we do not copy over the answers found in other Alabama cities**.

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What counts as proof of address, and whether it must be in the name of the enrolling adult	Unverified
Whether a Social Security number is requested, and if so whether the request is stated to be voluntary	Unverified
Whether families staying with relatives need a shared residence affidavit or a home visit	Unverified
Which languages the district actually translates into	Unverified

For none of these do we say it exists, and for none of them do we say it does not. The right move is to **call the district** and ask for the answer **in writing**. The city's own site keeps pages linking to the district; take the contact details [from there](#).

The four steps that apply statewide

Even though the district's own text could not be read, **the legal frame that applies statewide can be written**, and because a reader who searches online will find the statute and may be frightened by it, we keep the order intact:

- 1 The text is printed in the code.** A section requiring schools to determine a student's immigration status at enrollment is published on the state's own legislative server **in full and with no warning note of any kind**.
- 2 A federal court permanently enjoined it.** The order is *Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama v. Bentley*, Northern District of Alabama, **Doc. 180**, entered **November 25, 2013**.
- 3 The statute's own general rule already exempts school.** A separate section of the same act lists the services for which **verification of lawful presence is not required**, and **the first item on that list is elementary and secondary education**.
- 4 The constitutional backstop exists separately** and applies to access to public elementary and secondary education in this state too.

THE DATE YOU WILL SEE ONLINE IS WRONG

- **The commonly repeated October 2013 date is wrong;** that is the date of the parties' joint report, not of the order. The correct citation is **Doc. 180, entered November 25, 2013**.
- **The act did not freeze in 2013.** Other parts of the same act were **amended twice in 2025**, and widely used legal sites give a **December 30, 2024 snapshot** for this act and miss both amendments.
- **One more warning:** that order names **the superintendents of certain school systems as defendants**. But the force of the ruling comes from the appeals court **holding the provision unconstitutional**, which governs the state generally. **A list of defendants is about who was sued, not about where the ruling applies**.
- The full text is in the court's stamped filing: courtlistener.com.

Five questions to ask when you call the district

When you pick up the phone, ask these **one by one and write the answers down**. This list is the most concrete thing this guide can give you:

QUESTION	WHY IT MATTERS
☐ Which documents does enrollment require, and can I have the list in writing?	There is no verified list for this city
☐ What do you accept as proof of address, and must the document be in my name?	In Alabama the real obstacle at enrollment is not the number but proof of address
☐ I am staying at a relative's home; is there a separate affidavit or a home visit for that?	Several Alabama districts have a separate procedure for it
☐ Do you ask for a Social Security number, and if so is that request a condition of enrollment?	One district's own policy in this state states that such a request is voluntary and not a condition of enrollment. That was not verified for this district
☐ Can I request a Turkish interpreter at enrollment, and who do I send the request to?	Make the request in writing and note who you gave it to and when

Immunizations and language

- **For the immunization record** the office is not the school but the health side: the certificate comes from the **county health department**, a family doctor or certain clinics. And this item is good news: the statute's list of services needing no verification **names immunizations expressly**.
- **Language:** Turkish does not appear on the translation list of any Alabama school district that could be read, **and this district's list could not be read at all**. So the correct sentence is not **there is service in Turkish** but: **there is a right to request, and this is its door**.
- The state health agency **publishes its language assistance notice in Turkish**, and that same agency runs vital records and two children's health programs. **No such text was found on the school side**, but that does not mean you cannot ask an agency for Turkish support.

Two sentences sum it up: school sits outside the two-county question in this city, but **we hold no verified enrollment detail about this district**. So our advice is direct rather than indirect: **call the district, ask for the document list in writing, and do not leave it to enrollment day**.



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