



# A Parent's Guide to Hoover Academy

Our mission is to empower students by creating an educational environment that honors how they learn while building confidence, competence, and independence.

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# When traditional early education doesn't seem to be working, there's a reason.



Many parents sense something isn't quite right, but aren't sure how to make a change.

## **In this guide, we will cover:**

- ✓ What Hoover Academy is and who the program is for
- ✓ Key differences of the program and what to expect
- ✓ What structured literacy is and why it's important
- ✓ What a typical school day looks like at Hoover Academy
- ✓ Parent and students experiences
- ✓ Admissions process and next steps for lasting change

# A Different Path Forward

For many families, the journey to understanding their child's learning differences is long and often exhausting.

## You've likely tried:

- Traditional classrooms where your child struggled to keep up
- Reading support pulled out for short sessions
- After-school tutoring or therapy
- Weekend catch-up sessions

## Despite everyone's best efforts, it still isn't working. Here's why:

- The school focuses on the curriculum
- Therapy focuses on intervention
- Tutoring focuses on keeping up

***And your family carries the weight of trying to make it all work.***

**At Hoover Academy, we provide  
a difference experience**



## Hoover Academy was created to be the difference that students with learning challenges need to thrive.

<b>Traditional Methods</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>Hoover Academy Approach</b>
<b>Traditional school day:</b> 6 hours of instruction that may not align with how a child learns		<b>Integrated school day:</b> designed specifically for dyslexia and language-based learning differences
<b>Reading intervention:</b> short sessions a few times a week		<b>Daily structured literacy instruction using Take Flight</b> (Orton Gillingham)
<b>After-school therapy:</b> when students are mentally tired		<b>Therapy-level instruction built into the school day</b>
<b>Weekend tutoring:</b> to keep up with assignments		<b>Small classes:</b> maximum of 4 students per class for individualized instruction
<b>Instruction varies by teacher and classroom</b>		<b>Teachers are Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT)</b>
<b>Standard teaching methods</b>		<b>Evidence-based multisensory instruction across all subjects</b>
<b>Executive functioning is rarely taught directly</b>		<b>Executive functioning is taught through Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (FIE)</b>
<b>Support systems out of sync</b>		<b>Support system in sync</b>

# A Different Path. A Different Future.

Discover the measurable differences in academic growth, engagement, and student outcomes.

<b>Traditional Path Vs. Hoover Academy</b>	
<b>Fragmented support</b>	<b>Integrated learning support</b>
<b>Exhausted students</b>	<b>Focused, supported learners</b>
<b>Expensive add-on solutions</b>	<b>One cohesive educational program</b>
<b>Slow academic progress</b>	<b>Accelerated skill development</b>
<b>Declining confidence</b>	<b>Rebuilding academic confidence</b>

# Who is Hoover Academy for?

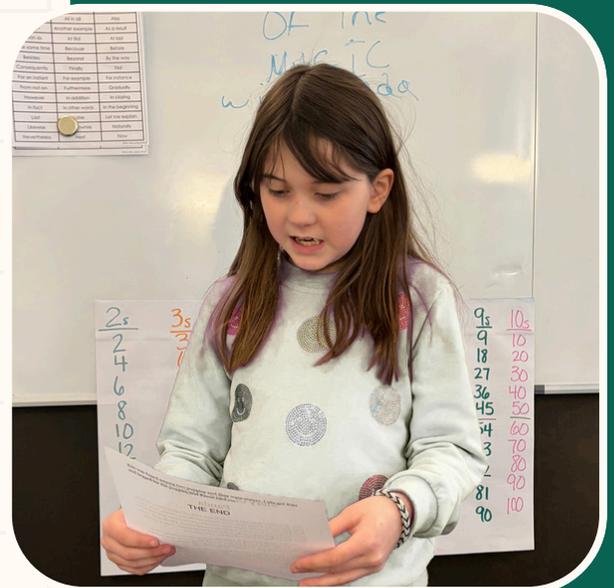
When a student believes they are not capable learners, the challenge is often not intelligence or effort—it is instruction that doesn't match how they learn.

## Hoover Academy supports students who:

- Have dyslexia or language-based learning differences
- Are in grades 3–6 (flexible by skill level)
- Need therapy-level instruction during the full school day
- Have experienced frustration or loss of academic confidence

***With instruction tailored to the student, noticeable change happens. Students will begin to:***

- Take academic risks
- Participate more in discussions
- Experience success in reading
- Build independence
- Rebuild confidence



# Understanding the Hoover Academy Model

Hoover Academy operates as a homeschool tutorial program, allowing us to provide highly personalized instruction.

## What this means for families

Parents enroll their child as a homeschool student under Tennessee law, while Hoover Academy provides:

- ✓ The full academic program
- ✓ Daily instruction from certified specialists
- ✓ Assessments and progress monitoring
- ✓ Structured curriculum across subjects

## This model allows us to:

- ✓ Adjust pacing for mastery
- ✓ Provide individualized instruction
- ✓ Reduce bureaucratic constraints
- ✓ Support flexible learning paths

## Provides flexibility for transitions:

- ✓ Continue at Hoover Academy through 6th grade
- ✓ Transition back to traditional schools
- ✓ Move to other specialized programs
- ✓ We maintain detailed records to support these transitions



# A Day at Hoover Academy

Structure and routine help students feel confident and ready to learn. Below is a daily schedule at Hoover Academy.

**8:15–8:30 AM**

Arrival and morning transition

**8:30–12:30 PM**

Core academics

**12:30–1:00 PM**

Lunch and social time

**1:00–2:00 PM**

Executive functioning or enrichment

**2:00 PM**

Dismissal

Students with dyslexia often expend significantly more cognitive energy processing written and spoken language. Our focused schedule allows students to use their energy for learning, not for compensating or keeping up.

By dismissal time, many students have completed more meaningful, productive learning than they might in a longer traditional school day.



**What to expect from our teachers throughout the year**



# The Hoover Difference

Our team is here to support you and your child at every step of the way.



## This schooling method allows students to:

- **Stay engaged:** Small class sizes and interactive instruction mean students are actively participating rather than passively listening. With only four students per group, every child reads, responds, asks questions, and receives immediate feedback throughout each lesson.
- **Avoid mental fatigue:** Students with dyslexia often use significantly more cognitive energy to process language. A focused schedule with shorter learning blocks, built-in transitions, and brain breaks helps reduce cognitive overload, enabling students to sustain attention and learning throughout the day.
- **Maintain motivation:** When instruction matches how a student learns, frustration decreases, and progress becomes visible. Experiencing success in reading, writing, and problem-solving helps students rebuild confidence and stay motivated to keep trying.
- **Experience deeper learning:** Rather than rushing through large amounts of material, teachers prioritize mastery. Concepts are taught through multisensory methods, discussion, and guided practice to ensure students understand and retain the material.

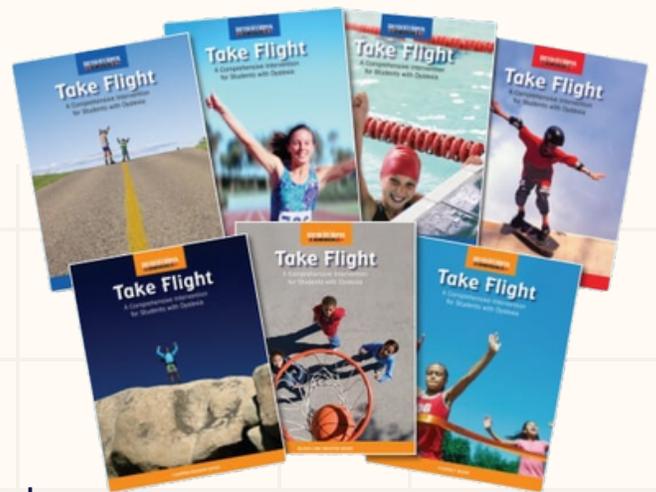
# Structured Literacy: How We Teach Reading

Reading instruction is built on structured literacy, the most effective approach for students with dyslexia.

Our program uses Take Flight, an Orton-Gillingham-based intervention.

## **Students receive explicit instruction in:**

- ✓ Phonemic awareness
- ✓ Phonics and decoding
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Reading comprehension
- ✓ Written expression



## **During a 60-minute reading block:**

- Students read aloud frequently
- Teachers provide immediate feedback
- Dictation and spelling practice reinforce learning
- Grammar and sentence structure are taught explicitly
- Students read short passages and discuss meaning

***Because instructors are CALT or CALP trained, they can analyze reading errors and adjust instruction immediately.***

# Multi-sensory Math & Content Learning

Students with dyslexia may struggle with math because of the language in word problems, not the math itself.

## Mathematics

### Students learn through:

- Hands-on learning
  - Visual models and manipulatives
  - Conceptual understanding
  - Explicit problem-solving strategies
- Teachers help students break down the language within math problems.



## Science and Social Studies

### Students learn through:

- Inquiry-based science exploration
- Discussion-based history lessons
- Projects and hands-on learning
- Explicit academic vocabulary instruction

***This approach helps students fully engage in content learning.***



# Learning How to Learn: Executive Functioning

Two days each week focus on executive functioning skills using Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (FIE).

## Students learn how to:



Organize materials and manage time



Focus and redirect attention



Strengthen working memory



Break tasks into manageable steps



Monitor their own understanding



***These are the “learning how to learn” skills many students are expected to know but rarely taught directly.***

# Partnership with Families

We believe a whole child learning approach is central to student success.

## We support families through:

- Weekly communication
- Quarterly conferences
- Progress monitoring
- Collaborative goal setting



## Current families share about their experience :

“ By the time we attended our first parent-teacher conference, we could already see how exhausted Wyatt was. It took so much effort for him just to keep up with the day. As a family, we felt that exhaustion too. That’s when we knew we needed to find a different path, and Hoover Academy has been the best decision we’ve made for our family. ”

**-Morgan Shank, Current Hoover Academy Parent**

“I would highly recommend to anybody thinking about it to talk to Hoover because everyone is so friendly, warm, welcoming, and educated on how to help with their son or daughter.”

**-Holly Purdue, Current Hoover Academy Parent**

# Currently Enrolling for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

At Hoover Academy, students do more than catch up. They rebuild confidence, discover their strengths, and learn how they learn.

## Admissions Process

- 1. Initial Inquiry or Consultation**– Start by contacting our admissions team to discuss your child’s needs and learn more about Hoover Academy.
- 2. Campus Discovery Visit**– Visit our campus, meet our team, and explore the learning environment.
- 3. Assessment Review**– Our team reviews academic records or evaluations to understand how we can best support your student.
- 4. Enrollment Planning**– If Hoover Academy is the right fit, we guide you through program placement and enrollment.

### Book a Consultation:

Talk with our Care Team to ask questions and discuss next steps.

**[Click Here](#)**

### Schedule a Tour:

Come see our space and meet the Brentwood team.

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