

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS



E.M. Holt Elementary

For those families that have chosen for students to return to school buildings for in-person learning, please review the following information.

New Protocols

As we return to our school buildings, ABSS has implemented many safety protocols [outlined by NC Department of Health and Human Services](#), to maintain the health and well-being of staff and students during this time. A detailed list of protocols is available on the [ABSS website](#) and a few of the important updates are [highlighted in this video](#).

Our very own E.M. Holt Wildcat staff put together a special video to teach you about the new procedures for returning to school. Check it out at the following link:
https://youtu.be/EI_1gqX6E9w

The district has pulled together [frequently asked questions and answers](#) for your review, but please feel free to reach out to the school with any questions.

Cleaning

The district works with the Budd Group to provide cleaning technicians at every school. These employees are dedicated to cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the school day. Additionally, the Budd Group completes cleaning in the evenings, after students and staff leave for the day.

Face Coverings

While on school property, inside or outside, students (aged 5 and up) and all adults will be required to wear cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth. Throughout the day, students will have opportunities to remove their cloth face coverings, when eating breakfast and lunch. Students will also wear masks during PE and recess.

Students are not permitted to wear bandanas, neck gaiter, or head wrap as a face covering. Only proper cloth or disposable face masks may be worn. Students who forget their masks will be provided one. Please begin working with your students on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building.

The district has delivered extra face coverings to each school for students and staff who may be in need.

Meals

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to the classrooms for students to eat. Students may still bring their own lunch to school if they wish. However, there will be no microwave access to heat lunches. At this time, all school meals are **free**.

The district will provide two bottles of water per day for each student. Water fountains will not be in use throughout the day.

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classroom in a socially distanced manner in their assigned seat. Prior to breakfast and lunch students will either wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Students will be able to take off their masks while eating. We will ask students to use the first ten minutes of lunch to eat and then students will be allowed to quietly talk with others from their assigned seat. At the conclusion of lunch students will throw away any lunch trash and use hand sanitizer. On nice weather days teachers will have the option of taking the class outside to eat in a socially distanced manner in one of our grassy areas around the school or on the stadium steps.

Wait and Wash

Social distancing is a key component of returning to school safely. Social distancing (“physical distancing”) means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

In common areas around the buildings, there will be clearly marked areas to remind everyone to remain socially distanced, 6 feet apart.

In addition to social distancing, students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, or hand sanitizer as much as possible.

Upon arrival at school students will be screened before entry into the building and follow social distancing protocols throughout the school. There are social distancing markers both inside and outside the school building to remind students to remain six feet apart. All classrooms are set up for social distancing and desks are marked with orange or green stickers for cohort A or cohort B. Students will have assigned seats and teachers will follow the classroom seating chart. Our hallways are split into two sections with tape and directional arrows as a visual to encourage students to stay on the correct side of the hallway or walkway.

Health Screenings

Students and staff returning to school buildings will be required to have an annual attestation form on file. Parents/Guardians can complete this form online for each student returning to campus. [Please use this link to complete the form.](#) Families should not send students to school if they are exhibiting signs of COVID-19. If students have a temperature above 100.4, they will have to return home with their parent or guardians.

Everyone will have their temperature taken before entering the building. If the student passes the health screening process, they will receive a wristband which allows staff to easily identify that they have been screened and can proceed into the building.

Car Riders will remain in the car during the screening process. The parent/guardian will help the student answer the attestation questions and the student will have their temperature taken. Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband. In the morning all car rider students will follow this procedure. Second through fifth grade car rider students that successfully pass through the screening process will enter through the front entrance where they will receive a colored wristband. Our staff on duty will assist students with putting on their wristbands as they enter the building.

In the afternoon our car riders will be dismissed from their classroom using the Carline Hound App. All car riders will be assigned a number that will be displayed on the car rider tag. One of our E.M. Holt staff members will walk the line and enter the car rider

tag numbers which will communicate with each classroom about which students need to be released. Car riders will dismiss directly from the classrooms due to social distancing needs. We will have staff in the hallways to help guide students to the correct location. Kindergarten and first grade students will walk down and out the front of the K/1 hall up the ramp and to their assigned cone to be dismissed. Second through fifth grade students will walk down the second through fifth grade hall and out the front entrance to their assigned cone. The app will allow us to display the cars being dismissed in the classrooms as well as the next set of cars that are waiting.

Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus, only one student per seat unless they are siblings. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school. Upon arrival, students will participate in the screening process and receive their arm band to enter the building. Bus riders will be dismissed from the classroom. Staff assigned to each grade level will help with walking students out to the buses. Staff will collect students from the whole grade level to take out to the buses in a socially distanced line. As students board the bus to return home they will get hand sanitizer and sit in their assigned seat for the ride home.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be sent to an isolation room and Parent/Guardians are called to pick up their student immediately. If the parent/guardian consents, the school nurse can complete a COVID-19 rapid test. This test will provide results within 15 minutes. The school nurse will be in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Communications

The district has a communication guide that has helpful information about if/when families will be notified if there is a COVID-19 case at school. Additionally, the district shares data in a dashboard updated weekly. You can review the [communication guide and dashboard here](#).

Please continue to email your child's teacher, use class dojo, or call the office to communicate any questions or concerns.

Classrooms

Students will remain with their classes and cohorts for the entire day and classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

Students will transition out of the classroom in a socially distanced line to have a 40 minute specials block. We will use the large cafeteria space and our gym for specials. In person students will travel to the gym to have a combined physical education and music special on one cohort day. Students will have 20 minutes of physical education and 20 minutes of music. Physical education will be outside when weather is permitting and students are required to wear masks. Equipment use will be limited and any equipment that is being used will be disinfected prior to another cohort of students. The other cohort day students will travel to the cafeteria to have a combined art and media special. Students will have assigned numbered seats in the cafeteria that follow social distancing guidelines. We will ask students to bring their backpack with their computer for media and students will bring their individually bagged art supplies for art. Students will not share art or media supplies. Students will have 20 minutes of media and 20 minutes of art. We left ten minutes in our schedule between classes to disinfect between classes.

Students will have recess daily and be able to go outside as weather permits. Students are required to wear their mask during recess unless it is a scheduled mask break. We strongly encourage all students to bring an individual recess bag with items such as a ball, jump rope or sidewalk chalk labeled with their name. These items will be for your child's own individual use during recess. Please do not include any electronic devices.

Weekly Schedule

We will follow the cohort model beginning March 1st and our school hours will be from 7:50 - 2:35. Students may begin arriving by car after 7:30.

Students with last names A through K will attend on Monday and Tuesday in cohort A. Wednesday will be remote learning for all students. This means your child's teacher will be teaching a live Zoom for all students in the class. Students with last names L through Z will attend on Thursday and Friday in cohort B. This includes both in person and students that chose to remain virtual. Each day including the non-cohort days students should be logged into the class Zoom by 8:00. On your child's non-cohort days your child should utilize Zoom to connect with their class for the morning meeting each day. Students will be invited to join whole group direct instruction times for reading and math on occasion. Your child's teacher will communicate the expected times to be online. Additionally, on your child's non-cohort days they will be assigned independent practice assignments on Google classroom, Achieve 3000 or Imagine Math/Literacy that should be completed as part of their asynchronous work.

Instruction will be blended to include both teacher directed (scheduled time for instruction, lessons, discussion, and small groups) and independent work. [To learn more about "Blended Learning" and watch some helpful videos, visit our website.](#)

Explore Before/After School Day Care

We will offer before and after school daycare on a limited basis at E.M. Holt. The morning program will open at 6:45 a.m. Parents will need to walk students to the door and complete the health screening process prior to dropping students off. Only students that are enrolled in the before school program may attend morning care. All other students must wait until 7:30 for student arrival. There are no exceptions due to Covid-19 restrictions. All morning care students will have assigned seating. Students will be expected to remain in the assigned seat during morning care. Students will be dismissed to go to their classrooms at 7:30 am.

Our after school program will open on a limited basis at 2:40 p.m. and operate until 5:30 p.m. Children in after school care will be given a prepackaged afternoon snack, have assigned seating for homework time, and have outdoor play time as weather permits. Students will practice social distancing during after school activities. Please call the office if you would like information on either program.

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Health and safety are important to us as we look forward to returning to the school buildings. In order to be successful, we will need everyone to take part. Wear your face covering. Wait 6 feet apart. Wash your hands. Begin working with your students and talking about the importance of the 3 Ws. We are excited to welcome everyone back!