

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

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Grove Park Elementary



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Plan A Information for Parents (Plan A will begin April 12, 2021. Please note that much of the information below is the same as it was for Plan B, prior to April 12, 2021.)

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](#).



Visit our school website for all updates regarding Grove Park Elementary protocols. At Grove Park, our primary mode of communication for GENERAL PURPOSES is class Dojo and our school website. All updates are indicated by an image box that states Grove Park Updates. [Here is a direct link to these updates](#). We ask that parents open and read these communications in a timely manner. If you have specific questions, please call the school or email Ms. Horton directly at traci_horton@abss.k12.nc.us . If you have specific questions about buses, please contact Mrs. Roseboro at dana_roseboro@abss.k12.nc.us

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.

- **Grove Park has a sanitation specialist on campus daily and two day porters.**
- **Evening crews clean every classroom and facilities daily.**

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.

- **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.**

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 will have a mask break at 6ft. distance when travelling outside to and from their recess (weather permitting).**

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**.

- **Pre-K will have breakfast in their rooms and eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students in grades K - 5 will have breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.**

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

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.

- **Students will have assigned baskets for their belongings and will not share manipulatives or school materials.**
- **Students will need to bring their laptop and charger to school on their face to face days.**
- **Students will be socially distanced in the hallways using blue stickers placed 6 feet apart.**
- **Students will be able to see the direction they should walk in the hallways by looking at the direction of the paws on the floor.**
- **Six feet signage is also posted at classroom and bathroom entrances.**

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

Arrival

- **We will begin screening students and allowing them to begin entering the building at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Car riders will remain in the car during the screening process. The parent/guardian will answer the attestation questions for the student and the student will have their temperature taken.**

- All students must go through the car rider line during morning drop off. Parents/guardians may not park and walk their student(s) to the drop off location.
- Once the student passes the screening, they can exit the car and move to the wristband station where they will receive their wristband for the day. Please note, children will be expected to open their own door to the car.
- Please note that our school is undergoing construction so only one of our car rider lines is accessible. School staff will be screening 2 cars at a time.
- *The car rider line will take time for health screenings. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we perform this important health screening.*
- ALL PRE-K students will be met by their teacher assistant at the lower hall entrance beginning at 7:45 am. They will be screened at that time and then walked to the classroom by the TA.

In order to ensure social distancing, parents are not permitted to park and walk their child to the sidewalk or into the building. All students must exit their car through the drop off line.

Video of morning car rider drop off

[Click here to view video.](#)



Dismissal

- All car riders will be socially distanced either in their classrooms or assigned hallways and will be dismissed by name.
- Children will be directed by staff members to their car while maintaining social distancing.
- All daycare students will be socially distanced outside the cafeteria back entrance and called to come to the daycare loop to load by daycare.

Car Rider Tag Information

- As a safety measure, we require all cars have a [Grove Park-issued Car Rider Tag](#) for any students who will be picked up via our car rider line.
- Any cars who do not have a Grove Park-issued Car Rider Tag will be directed to park and wait in their car until the car rider line is complete. At that time, you may walk to our front door and show ID for release of your child.
- If you do not have a Grove Park issued car rider tag simply fill out this [form](#). If you have a Car Rider Tag from the previous year and all student names are up-to-date,

you DO NOT need to fill out this form. If you have a Car Rider Tag from the previous year but you need to update student names, you DO need to fill out this Car Rider Tag Registration form 2020-2021 form (simply update your student names).

- Each family will be issued two Car Rider Tags but can request additional tags (ID will be required for additional requests).
- Car Rider Tags are ready now for pick-up at our front office from 7:30am-4:00pm.

Bus Riders

Arrival

- Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus, only one student per seat unless they are siblings or live in the same household.
- Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school.
- All bus riders will be screened on the bus and the entire bus will be released to report directly to their classroom and have breakfast there.

Dismissal:

- All bus riders will be dismissed by bus in the afternoon. To maintain social distance, they will be escorted through the hallways to their bus.

Video of bus procedures will be added later.

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).

- Always ensure your phone numbers, and emergency contact numbers are working.
- The infirmary is located near the front of the school and the nurse will handle any parent concerns or questions. Students are checked out at the infirmary door if it is a covid related dismissal.
- Call the school if you need to update your contact information.

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](#).

Caregivers have several ways to receive information:

- 1. Class Dojo is the primary way we communicate**
- 2. Connect Ed messages sent to the phone and email caregivers provided to the school**
- 3. Phone calls to your primary phone or your emergency contact if you can not be reached**
- 4. Grove Park's Website: gpe.abss.k12.nc.us**

Caregivers have several ways they can communicate with the school:

- 1. Class Dojo**
- 2. Emailing your teacher or the office staff**
- 3. Phone calls to the main office**

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.

- In-person students will need to bring their school issued laptops and chargers on their in-person cohort day.**
- All students will have an assigned seat in their classrooms. Students will remain in their assigned desk area during instructional time.**
- Students will communicate and collaborate during learning at 6 ft. apart with masks and remain at their own designated desk area. No walking around the room.**
- Teachers will hold small group reading and math sessions at the kidney table.**
- Small group tables have plexiglass dividers and no more than 3 children will sit together using the dividers during small group time.**
- Specials will take place each day for all students whether they are in-person or remote. Some specials will be via Zoom for in-person and remote students (Art, Music & Team Day Wednesdays). Student's specials schedule will be shared by the classroom teacher.**

- Exceptional children’s teachers, English-Language teachers, Gifted teachers and Interventionists will continue to provide their classes via Zoom.
- In-person students will receive 2 recess times at 15 minutes each daily, weather permitting. Outdoor breaks are daily with masks. Students will have a mask break at 6ft. distance when travelling outside to and from their recess. At this time, playground equipment will be unavailable for K-5 use. During recess times, our at-home students will be given the opportunity to take a break as well.
- Hand sanitizer, water bottles will be in use in every classroom.
- No visitors are allowed in our building unless a prior appointment has been set and approved by administration.

Video of a classroom
[Click here to view video](#)



How will a student find their classroom?
[Click here to view video](#)



Teaching and Learning

- We will begin a blended learning model for all classrooms who have “Zoomers” at home, as well as students in-person here on campus. Students whose families choose to remain remote (virtual) will be Zooming in while the teacher is teaching

face-to face students who are on campus. Regardless of locations, learners will learn simultaneously. Google Classrooms will be maintained, for both in-person and remote students, just as they have been since last year.

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.](#)

Daily Schedule

- **Daily Schedule: Day-to-day instructional schedules will not change as we move from Plan B to Plan A. [To learn more about “Blended Learning” and watch some helpful videos, visit our website.](#)**
- **Masks must be worn at all times while on campus.**
- **Students in classrooms will be as spread apart as much as possible/”feasible” and will not be grouped together without plexiglass dividers, according to guidelines found in Plan A of this [NC Toolkit linked here.](#)**
- **There are social-distancing markers in hallways and other areas where students would potentially stand in line, walk in line, or congregate.**
- **Classes will begin at 7:50 Monday - Friday for both in-person and remote students. At home students will Zoom in at this time.**

Arrival/Dismissal & Afterschool

- **In-person students can arrive at school no earlier than 7:30. Car Riders will remain in the car during the health 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 can exit the car and move to the wristband station where they will receive their wristband for the day.**
- **The school day ends at 2:35pm. Afternoon pickup begins at 2:35. Pick up options are car rider, bus or off-site daycare van. Grove Park is not offering walk-ups at this time.**
- **Grove Park does not offer before or after school care. Daycares do pick up at Grove Park. Please check with your child’s daycares to make sure they are providing transportation from GPE. As of right now Burlington Parks and Recreation will not be offering after school care at Grove Park.**

Lunch/Campus Visitors, Ceremonies & Field Trips

- **Until further notice, ABSS has directed that there be no campus visitors, ceremonies, gatherings or off-campus field trips. We will work to hold virtual field trips and award ceremonies for our students and families.**

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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!