

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

Highland Elementary School



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 Highland Elementary protocols.

At Highland, our primary mode of communication for GENERAL PURPOSES is class Dojo and our school website. All updates are indicated by a yellow box that states Highland Updates. See above for the 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 Mrs. Wroblewski directly at hollis_wroblewski@abss.k12.nc.us. If you have specific questions about buses, please contact Mrs. Millspaugh at erin_millspaugh@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.

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 gaiters, or head wraps 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. Most classrooms will continue to eat in the classroom and not in the cafeteria. 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.

Highland students may bring their own water bottle from home. They will not be able to refill it here at school.

Wait and Wash

Please remember that Plan A still includes a mandatory mask requirement on buses and in schools and maintaining as much social distancing as possible. Due to the number of requests

for in-person learning, students will not be distanced 6ft apart in classrooms. 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 as well as all hallways, there will be clearly marked areas to remind everyone to remain socially distanced as much as possible. Hallway use will be limited. Students will walk on the right-hand side of hallways.

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.

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.

At Highland, 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 exit the car and proceed to the front doors of the school where they will receive a color-coded wristband.

Morning Car Rider Line - Detailed Information at Highland

At Highland, the car rider line will **begin unloading cars at 7:30**. Cars will pull up to a cone, and a staff member will take each child’s temperature. Children will be expected to open their own car door.

If a child’s temperature is below 100.4, they will be admitted out of their car and will follow staff directions to the front doors of the school where they will receive a colored bracelet for the day.

If a child’s temperature is 100.4 or above, all children in the car will remain in the car. Parents

will be asked to pull into the parking lot and wait a few minutes and come back through. We have learned that when the heat is on in the car, or if children are wearing coats & hats, it is possible to get a false read the first time.

Children will be directed by staff members into the building while maintaining 6 ft. of social distancing.

In order to practice social distancing as much as we can, 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.

Afternoon Car Rider Line - Detailed Information at Highland

If your child is returning for In-Person learning, please fill out the [Car Rider Tag Registration Form](#). If you have a tag from previous years, we will need an updated registration so that we can assign your child a unique tag number. (This is new.)

- As a safety measure, we require all cars have a Highland-issued Car Rider Tag (with a unique tag number) for any students who will be picked up via our car rider line.
- Any cars who do not have a Highland-issued Car Rider Tag (with a unique tag number) 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.
- Each family will be issued two Car Rider Tags. If more are needed, they can be purchased for a nominal fee of \$2 at our front office. ID will be required in order to purchase additional Car Rider Tags.
- Car Rider Tags are ready now for pick-up at our front office from 7:30am-4:30pm.

Children will be directed by staff members to a colored cone to wait for their car while maintaining social distancing.

Morning Walker Procedures

Students may walk to school. When on campus, all persons must wear masks and maintain 6 ft of social distance unless they are within the same family.

Afternoon Walker Procedures

Students will not be able to walk home at this time. We are working on a procedure for this, however we need to use all of our staff to ensure that proper safety protocols are completed.

Morning Bus Procedures - Detailed Information at Highland

Buses will continue to be sanitized between routes. A seating chart will also be made and students will need to stay seated in their assigned seat. Seating charts will allow us to contact trace in the event that it becomes necessary. Buses will be limited no more than 50 per route, which means that students will not be socially distanced 6ft and may be assigned a seat with other students. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school. Students will be asked to answer the attestation questions along with having their temperature taken.

If a child's temperature is below 100.4, they will follow staff directions to a bracelet station where they will receive a colored bracelet for the day.

If a child's temperature is 100.4 or above, students will be asked to wait a few minutes under adult supervision and receive a second temperature check. We have learned that when the heat is on in the bus, or if children are wearing coats & hats, it is possible to get a false read the first time. If the temperature remains at 100.4 or above, they will be taken to a separate room and the parents will be called to pick up their child.

Children will be directed by staff members into the building while maintaining social distancing.

Afternoon Bus Procedures

While maintaining as much social distancing as possible, students will be guided by an adult to enter their assigned bus with their masks on. All bus procedures listed in the Morning Bus Procedures section apply for Afternoon.

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](#).

We will follow all guidance from our district and the health department. If a class has an exposure it is likely some students (or the entire class) will shift to Remote Learning for a length of time. In order for us to make a determination as to who shifts to remote learning, we will conduct a contact trace. Only staff & students that fall under the definition of a close contact will need to remain at home. The current definition of a close contact is someone who is within 6 ft. (for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more) of someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Classrooms

At Highland Elementary:

Students will remain with their classes for most of the day and classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following as much social distancing as possible. Classroom sizes will not allow us to ensure 6ft of social distancing. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

- We will limit movement around classrooms a bit more than usual to limit the potential for close contacts.
- **Recess:** Students will have the opportunity to have recess. Playground equipment will be utilized on a rotating basis in order to ensure that only one class is on the equipment at the same time. Each day a different class at each grade level will use the playground equipment. Teachers will take students outside where they will continue to wear their masks and socially distance.
- **Mask Breaks:** Students will also have the opportunity to have mask breaks as determined by need. During mask breaks, students will have the opportunity to walk outside with their masks off, but will be required to maintain social distancing.
- **Specials:** All specials will take place in the specialty teacher's classroom. Those classrooms will be sanitized between groups of students. PE may arrange to take students outside for PE class. If this occurs, students will continue to keep their masks on and will still remain socially distanced.
- **EC, ESL, AIG, & Intervention Services:** In most cases, services will be held in

the EC, ESL, AIG, and Intervention Classrooms. Some students may be served virtually from their classrooms. Remote students will also receive their services virtually.

- **Cleaning:** Classrooms will be sanitized after the school day. This includes all touch surfaces, student desks, student and teacher tables, door handles, sinks and sink handles, etc.

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow Plan A starting on April 12, 2021.

In-Person Learners

- Monday - Friday
- 7:50-2:40
- Must be present on campus in order to be counted present.

Remote Learners

- Monday - Friday
- 7:50-2:40
- Must be present during all Zoom lessons and complete assigned tasks in order to be counted present.

At Highland, 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.](#)

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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!