

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

**North Graham
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](#).

This document contains information regarding daily routines, procedures and schedules that have been put in place for returning students.

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.

North Graham Elementary has a disinfection technician and a day porter on campus daily. Evening crews clean classrooms, offices 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.

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 students will eat in the cafeteria.

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

Students will be provided breakfast upon their arrival to school. Students will have 30 minutes for lunch and will eat socially distanced in their classrooms and/or outside weather permitting.

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.

Hallways are labeled with blue floor markers and directional arrows to assist with social distancing. Floor markers (Wait Here) are in place in common areas to indicate social distancing. A bathroom schedule has been created in order to maintain social distancing and provide time for additional cleanings.

Hand sanitizing stations are located at the main entrances and exits throughout the school.

Students have assigned cubbies in the classroom and individual supply boxes/pouches to keep their belongings and materials.

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 including fever of 100.4 or greater, sore throat, new cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea or vomiting, and/or new onset of severe headache.

When a 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. Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband.

Staff will begin the car rider line screening process at one of three stations and unloading cars at 7:30 a.m. Students will report directly to their classroom upon entering the building. Staff members will be stationed in each hallway to monitor students.

Bus riders will have assigned seats on the bus. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. A staff member will unload students, maintaining physical distancing and students will be given their wristband at the bus rider entrance. Students will report directly to their classrooms upon entering the building. Staff members will be stationed in each hallway to monitor students.

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).

Please notify the school with any changes to phone numbers or emergency contact information to ensure all are up to date.

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](#).

Staff members can be contacted by calling the main office, 336-578-2272, email or Class Dojo.

Schoolwide communications will be sent out through Connect-Ed phone calls and emails and Class DOJO in addition to individual teacher contacts.

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 have assigned desks and the teacher will maintain a seating chart. Plexiglass dividers are in place at small group tables and students will have assigned seats and the teacher will maintain a seating chart. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting. A recess schedule has been created to maintain social distancing.

All support classes: EC, Speech, Tier III, Remediation, ESL, Guidance, may be virtual or staff may go into the classrooms. Small group pull-out may be used following social distancing protocols.

Weekly Schedule

Plan A will begin on Monday, April 12th. All students will attend either in-person or remotely 5 days a week. The school day will be from 7:50 - 2:35. Car riders can be dropped off beginning at 7:30 a.m. Teachers will communicate with families about daily schedules. Students will participate daily in socially distanced specials, combined Art, Dance, Music and Physical Education. Bus riders and van riders will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30 and escorted to the bus lot by staff members to maintain social distancing, loading one vehicle at a time. Car riders will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:35 to the car circle. Staff members will be stationed in each hallway and in the car circle to assist students and to maintain social distancing.

Before and after school care will not be provided this school 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.](#)

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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!