

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

South Graham 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](#).

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.

Bathrooms will be cleaned throughout the day at a minimum of twice per 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. 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**.

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

Breakfast will be provided to the rooms by 7:30. Students will be asked to eat breakfast in an efficient manner in order to start the educational day. Lunch will be provided to the rooms by 11:45. Students are asked to eat prior to any socializing with classmates during the lunch time. After students have finished eating their lunch, they will put their masks on and be able to talk quietly and socialize with their classmates who are in their immediate proximity. Students will be socially distanced during these times.

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.

There is signage outside the main entrance for bus and tardy students to ensure social distancing. In all hallways, particularly at bathrooms and common areas, there is signage for social distancing. A bathroom schedule has been provided to the teachers in order for social distancing to be consistent. Students will move through the hall on the right side in order to prevent classes coming in contact.

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 screening questions and the student will have their temperature taken. Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband. Car riders can start arriving no earlier than 7:30 am. There will be two screeners for car riders and one person to put on the wristbands. Please be patient and remember to wait on Moore Street instead of Ivey Rd.

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. Bus riders will be dismissed from one bus at a time and will wait socially distanced during the screening process. We have two teams of three in order to complete this screening in a timely fashion. One staff will ask the questions, another staff will take the temperature and the third staff member will put on the wristband. We are asking parents to make sure that students are familiar with the questions from the attestation that will be asked on a daily basis.

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](#).

The best way to communicate with administrators, support staff and classroom teachers is either through email or by phone. All requests for communication will be honored within 24 hours.

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 have assigned seats and areas in the classroom that they will remain in. There are plexiglass dividers on small group tables and students will be with the same small group on a consistent basis. This is to help with contact tracing if necessary. There will be brain breaks and movement breaks throughout the day.

Specialty classes will be provided virtually to all students, whether face to face or virtual. They will attend their specialty classes once a week. Support staff (ESL, EC/Speech, AIG, Intervention) will provide instruction virtually as well. There is a recess schedule that has been provided to staff for when and where they are to have recess on a daily basis. During the scheduled recess time, there will be a 10 minute mask break where students will be socially distanced from other students. Students will not be able to share equipment during recess. Playgrounds will not be in use for grades K - 5. Pre-K students will continue to be able to use their playground equipment.

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning March 1

All regular classrooms, with the exception of four classrooms (Huey, Straughn, Trout and 1st grade Dual Language), will have face to face students on Monday and Tuesday (Cohort A).

Remote students will receive direct instruction on Thursday and Friday (Cohort B). All students will receive virtual instruction on Wednesday for the entire day.

Mrs. Huey, Ms. Straughn, Mrs. Trout and 1st grade Dual Language will have both remote and face to face students on either Monday and Tuesday (Cohort A) and Thursday and Friday (Cohort B).

Each teacher will be responsible for communicating with their families as to when whole group instruction for reading and math will take place on a daily basis.

Students will start being dismissed at 2:15 with our Pre-K and Adaptive Curriculum students. Bus riders will be dismissed starting at 2:20 with one staff member being responsible for each individual bus. Daycare van riders will be dismissed starting at 2:30. Car riders will be dismissed starting at 2:45. Each group of students will be dismissed from the classroom using social distancing protocols.

[SGE Cohort Model K - 5](#)

[SGE Cohort Model for Trout, Straughn, Huey and 1st grade Dual Language](#)

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!