

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

South Mebane Elementary



For our SME families that have chosen for your children to return to school for in-person learning, please review the following information. This provides an overview of the procedures and policies in place to ensure our students, staff, and families are safe.

Specific information regarding arrival and dismissal procedures will be ever-evolving. Emails and Dojo messages will continue to be sent as we work together to devise the most effective and safe plan possible.

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.

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 gaiters, or head wraps as face coverings. Only proper cloth or disposable face masks may be worn. Students who forget their masks will be provided one.

Students will have daily opportunities to remove their cloth face coverings when eating breakfast and lunch. Students will wear masks during recess.

Please begin working with your child(ren) on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building.

Meals

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to our classrooms. All students will eat breakfast and lunch within their classroom. 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, breakfast and lunch will be **free** for all students.

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. SME hallway expectations will ensure that students travel in a single file line on the right side of the hallway, which will prevent close contact with others.

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.

Car Riders will remain in the car during the screening process. All occupants in the car should be wearing a face mask to protect themselves and the screener. 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 and proceed to their classroom.

Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus: only one student per seat unless they reside in the same home. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they arrive on campus. 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.

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](#).

SME will continue to utilize Connect-ed and Class Dojo to communicate any information regarding COVID-19. Please check these accounts often for ongoing updates and information.

Classrooms

Students will remain with their classes and cohorts for the entire day. Specials and support classes will be delivered via Zoom to limit contact. Classrooms will be arranged to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols. Students will be able to spend time outside two times a day for 15 minute recess breaks, weather permitting.

Weekly Schedule

SME will follow the cohort model beginning March 1.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Cohort A All Face-to-Face Students | Face-to-Face <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 Morning Meeting with whole class via Zoom starting March 15 Small group instruction and guided practice of content taught Independent or small group work stations for student practice Virtual Specials with whole class via Zoom | Face-to-Face <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 Morning Meeting with whole class via Zoom starting March 15 Small group instruction and guided practice of content taught Independent or small group work stations for student practice Virtual Specials with whole class via Zoom | Remote for ALL Students 8:30-2:30 | Remote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 Morning Meeting with whole class via Zoom Independent task(s) on standard(s) in google classroom and assigned learning platforms Virtual Specials with whole class via Zoom | Remote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 Morning Meeting with whole class via Zoom Independent task(s) on standard(s) in google classroom and assigned learning platforms Virtual Specials with whole class via Zoom |
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Instructional Delivery

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.](#)

Your child’s teacher will be posting on Class Dojo and their webpage their specific class schedule which will reflect their instructional plan.

Success ‘21

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.

The 3 Ws:

- Wear your face covering.
- Wait 6 feet apart.
- Wash your hands.

Begin working with your children and talking about the importance of the 3 Ws. We are excited to welcome our SME families back to our campus!

