

# Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

**Western Alamance High School**



***For those families that have chosen for students to return to school buildings on March 8th for in-person learning, please review the following information.***

## **New Protocols**

As we plan for your return to Western Alamance High School, 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.

**As with any school year, we want your child to be safe, healthy, and ready to learn. This guide contains important information to maximize a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. Despite the challenges that we face during this pandemic, we look forward to working with you to finish the year on a positive note.**

**A great deal of new signage and social distancing markings have been displayed on campus to help ensure all health and safety protocols are followed. Maintaining six feet of physical distance between people when stationary or congregating is an important layer of protection. As a rule, always walk on the right side of hallways or outside breezeways. A mask, or cloth face covering, must be worn (with the exception of eating breakfast/lunch) and frequent hand washing or the use of hand sanitizer is recommended.**

**Upon arrival to campus, each student will go through a health screening. After a successful health screening, students will report directly to their 1st block class.**

**Students with an ABSS Chromebook should plan to bring their device to school fully charged.**

## 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 (age 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. 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. The district has delivered extra face coverings to each school for students and staff who may be in need.

Please begin working with your students 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 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.

**A Grab & Go breakfast will be available each morning at the entrance to the cafeteria.**

**Lunch will take place during 2nd block class (12:25 - 12:45pm). If your 2nd block classroom is not conducive to eating, your class will relocate to an appropriate space to eat. Your teacher will provide the specific plan, if necessary.**

## 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 use hand sanitizer as much as possible. Hand sanitizer stations are located in each building. In addition, each classroom teacher will provide hand sanitizer for student use.

## 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 rider screening and drop-off will begin at 9:30am outside of E Building. Afternoon car rider pick-up will also take place outside of E Building.**

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 their health screening when they reach school, one busload at a time. Students will be screened at the end of B Building.**

**Student drivers will park in the back student parking lot. There will be no charge for a parking pass. Passes will be distributed to drivers the week of March 8th. Student drivers will enter the building through the Commons to be screened. Screening will begin at 9:30am.**

## **COVID-19 Symptoms**

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be sent to an isolation room (HE 3) 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](#).

**For questions related to curriculum and instruction, please email the teacher directly. See our WA website for a list of email addresses. For school-related questions or concerns, reach out to the school or email an administrator.**

## **Classrooms**

Students will transition with their classes and cohorts and classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols.

**Students will have an assigned seat in each classroom to help with contact tracing. Desks will be labeled to ensure proper social distancing and cleaning between classes/student use.**

## **Weekly Schedule**

**Our school will follow a cohort model beginning March 8th. Students with last names A-K will report to school on Monday and Tuesday as part of Cohort A. Students with last names L-Z will report to school on Thursday and Friday and be part of Cohort B. Wednesdays are reserved for remote learning.**

**Please refer to the following Bell Schedule:**

Time	Length	Class
8:45 - 9:30	45 min	PLCs, Department Meetings, Staff Meetings, Office Hours/Warrior Time
9:30 - 10:00	30 min	Staff on Duty to Assist with Student Arrival
10:00 - 11:25	85 min	<b>1st Period</b>
		10:00 - 10:55 Synchronous Learning (Virtual and F2F)
		10:55 - 11:25 Face to Face Only
11:30 - 1:15	105 min	<b>2nd Period</b>
		11:30 - 12:25 Synchronous Learning (Virtual and F2F)
		12:25 - 12:45 *Lunch Delivered to Classrooms
		12:45 - 1:15 Face to Face Only
1:20 - 2:45	85 min	<b>3rd Period</b>
		1:20 - 2:15 Synchronous Learning (Virtual and F2F)
		2:15 - 2:45 Face to Face Only
2:50 - 4:15	85 min	<b>4th Period</b>
		2:50 - 3:45 Synchronous Learning (Virtual and F2F)
		3:45 - 4:15 Face to Face Only
4:15 - 4:45	30 min	Staff on Duty to Assist with Dismissal
<b>Clarifications</b>		
Face to Face Only	During this time students (Face to Face or Virtual) would be provided with individual or small group intervention or support, but this would not be for direct instruction.	
Synchronous Learning (Virtual and F2F)	This time would be used for direct instruction for all students (Virtual and F2F)	
Staff Hours	8:45 - 4:45	
Student Hours	10:00 - 4:15	

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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!