

Alamance-Burlington School Success '21

 ONE ABSS

Woodlawn Middle School



For those families who 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](#).

- **Mandatory mask wearing**
- **Social distancing of 6 feet**
- **Health screening and temperature check each morning**
- **At arrival, after health screening, students will report directly to homeroom**
- **At dismissal, students will remain in their last period class and listen for their name or bus number to be called on the intercom**

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 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.

Both breakfast and lunch will be delivered to the classrooms and students will eat in their classrooms while maintaining social distance. Students may remove their masks while eating. Students may converse with peers during lunch. Students may bring their own water bottles but they can not be refilled at school as water fountains will be unavailable.

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.

During transitions between classes, students will maintain social distance and signage will mark areas where students need to wait in line, 6 feet apart. Students will stay to the right in each hallway while transitioning to other classes. In classrooms, students will be assigned seats that maintain social distancing from their classmates. Desks will be identified with a colored dot system that informs our custodial staff which desks need disinfecting before another class uses those desks.

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 attestation questions and the student will have their temperature taken. Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband. **After screening, students will report directly to their homeroom and not congregate in the hallways. At dismissal, car riders will remain in their last period class and listen for their name to be called on the intercom for dismissal. They will go directly to their car and not congregate with other students.**

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 enter the building and be screened at the side entrance to the gym, not the gym lobby entrance. After screening, they will report directly to their homeroom and not congregate with other students in the hallways. At dismissal, bus riders will remain in their last period class and listen for their bus to be called on the intercom. They will go directly to their bus without congregating with other students.**

Wrist bands must be put on at the screening site and be worn and visible at all times while on school property.

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](#).

If your child needs to be tested or quarantined, you will be contacted. If you are not contacted, your child was not considered a close contact.

As always, please email your child's teachers regarding assignments, grades, etc.

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 assigned seats in each classroom. Student desks will be disinfected before another student uses the same desk.

Students will have electives on their cohort days. Elective classes will follow all social distancing requirements.

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning **March 8th**. Students whose last names start with **A - K** will come on **Mondays and Tuesday**. Students whose last names start with **L - Z** will come on **Thursdays and Fridays**. On their remote days, students will follow the same schedule and “remote in” through Zoom to the in-person classrooms. All students will be remote on **Wednesdays** and attend live Zoom classes with their teachers.

Our school day will start at **10:00am** and finish at **4:15pm**. We will open the building for students at **9:25am**.

Our daily schedule is posted on our school website and linked here. [Daily Schedule](#)

[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!