

**Alamance-Burlington  
Schools**

**Success '21**

 **ONE ABSS**

**Andrews Leadership  
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](#).

- **Only the gym door and front door are entrances and exits.**
- **Masks, social distancing when possible, and washing hands times are in place in every classroom.**
- **Students will have breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.**
- **Most support services are virtual. Some students may see a teacher with masks and plexiglass dividers in small groups. Disinfecting will happen between groups.**
- **Outdoor breaks are daily with masks.**
- **Students will remain in their assigned desk area during instructional time.**
- **Teachers will hold small group reading and math sessions at the kidney table with masks and plexiglass dividers, along with sanitation.**
- **No more than 4 children will sit together using the dividers in a small group.**
- **Hand sanitizer, water bottles, and plexiglass shields will be in use in every classroom.**

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.

- **Andrews has a sanitation specialist on campus daily and two day porters.**
- **Evening crews clean every classroom 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. 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.

- **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.**

**Beginning on Wednesday, May 12, 2021:**

- Students outside at recess and maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from others are no longer required to wear a face covering as long as they maintain the 6 ft physical distance requirement.
- Students participating in an outdoor PE class where everyone is at least 6 feet apart at all times are no longer required to wear face coverings while they are actively participating.
- Students who are outdoors and cannot maintain 6 ft physical distance from others are still required to wear a face covering per state requirements.
- Students and all adults on campus are still required to wear a face covering indoors and on buses. In addition, face coverings are also required outdoors on campus if students and staff cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others per state requirements.
- Students may choose to continue wearing face coverings at all times both indoors and outdoors if it makes them feel more comfortable.

In addition, beginning on Wednesday, May 12, ABSS will continue to follow the health screening protocol when students and staff arrive on campus each day which involves asking if there have been changes for any individuals regarding the health screening questions. But, schools and district offices will no longer issue colored wristbands as part of the health screening process when students and staff arrive on campus.

ABSS will continue to observe all requirements outlined for K-12 public schools operating in Plans A & Plan B as outlined in the NCDHHS StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit that is posted on our ABSS website: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/164/open>. Reference to face coverings is on page 9 English version: page 10 Spanish version.

## 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.

- **Andrews students will have breakfast and lunch in their classrooms. PreK and Adaptive Curriculum eat in the cafeteria at 6 ft. apart.**
- **Breakfast and lunch are delivered to the classrooms.**
- **Parents may send in a lunchbox if they choose.**
- **Water bottles are offered to students since fountains are closed. Students may bring their own water bottle if they need more ( with the weather getting warmer.)**

## 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.

- **Andrews has safety signs on the walls and floors.**
- **Hand sanitizer stations are in our hallways.**
- **Each classroom has working sinks and hand sanitizer as well as floor signs for 6ft. distance.**
- **Students will have assigned cubbies and will not share manipulatives or school materials.**
- **We have school supplies for your student, only a backpack is needed daily for face to face.**
- **Students will leave their laptops and charger at school.**

- **Hand washing is integrated into the daily schedule.**
- **Morning buses and daycare vans are unloaded individually and students have temperature checks and attestation questions before going straight to their classrooms.**
- **Only one bus of no more than 22 will be held in the gym if needed.**
- **Car riders and walkers are allowed in the building at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Afternoon buses are loaded one at a time at 2:35. Students are called on the intercom for each bus.**
- **Cars will be dismissed around 2:45 and students will wait six feet apart in the front of the school. Staff will walk car riders out in lines socially distanced.**

## **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 parents or guardians.

If the student passes the health screening process, they will receive a wristband that allows staff to easily identify that they have been screened and can proceed into the building.

- **Car riders will be allowed in the building at 7:30.**
- **Students will receive wristbands in the classroom.**
- **Note: Car rider lines will take time for health screenings, please be patient.**

Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation.

- **Bus attendance is taken daily for contact tracing purposes.**
- **Bus riders may sit together only if they live in the same household.**
- **Daycare vans will also unload at the gym entrance.**

## **COVID-19 Symptoms**

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be sent to an isolation room and Parents/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).

- Always ensure your phone numbers, and emergency contact numbers are working.
- The infirmary is located at the front of the school and the nurse will handle any parent concerns or questions.
- Students are checked out at the infirmary door if it is a covid related dismissal.
- Call the school if you need to update your contact information.

## 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](#).

- Caregivers have several ways to receive information:
  - 1) Class dojo managed by your student's teacher is the primary way we communicate
  - 2) Connected messages by phone
  - 3) Text and Email that you gave on your return registration
  - 4) Phone calls to your primary phone or your emergency contact if you can not be reached
  - 5) Andrews website: [rae.abss.k12.nc.us](http://rae.abss.k12.nc.us)

## Classrooms

### K-5

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.

- All support classes: EC, Speech, Encore, Tier III, Guidance, and ESL may be virtual or staff may go into the classrooms. Some EC may serve students in the EC room based on IEP's in small group.
- Students will leave their laptops at school each day charged in order to have these classes.
- Outdoor time is offered to all classrooms daily for thirty minutes which will include mask breaks with no running at 6 ft. apart. Playground equipment will open if metrics are low.
- Students remain with their teacher in their classroom all day.
- No visitors are allowed in our building unless a prior appointment has been set.

## Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow Plan A M-F both fact to face and virtual beginning: **April 12, 2021.**

- **School starts at 7:50 and ends at 2:35.**
- **Plan A is Monday to Friday for face-to-face and virtual.**
- **Teachers will remote in students at home daily to teach both students in the room and at home.**
- **Teachers will communicate in google classroom assignments.**
- **We do not provide before-school care. Daycares pick up at Andrews and Burlington Parks and Recreation offer after-school care. You must call BPR and register.**
- **Students that chose virtual and want to come back face to face will be placed on a waiting list while class size and 3ft. Space requirements are considered as well as powerschool, teacher assignment, bus transportation and cafeteria orders!**

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!