

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

Haw River 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](#).

[**Haw River Elementary return to school 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.

- **Haw River 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.

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.

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

Mask Breaks: Students will also have the opportunity to have mask breaks as determined by need. During mask breaks, students will have the opportunity to walk outside with their masks off, but will be required to maintain social distancing

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.

Pre-K will have breakfast in their rooms and eat lunch in the cafeteria.

All K-5 students will be delivered breakfast and lunch to classrooms and students will eat in the classroom, socially distanced. Students will throw away their trash in the classroom and teachers will put trash cans outside of their door to be emptied after breakfast and lunch.

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. Hallway use will be limited. Students will walk on the right-hand side of hallways.

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.

Students must have assigned seats in all locations (classroom, car line, bus, etc.) for contact tracing purposes.

Each classroom will have their own hand sanitizer for teachers and students to use.

Individual classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every evening. All high traffic areas will be cleaned throughout the day.

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.

Arrival:

- All car riders will be screened in their cars in the car rider line prior to coming in the building. After entering the building they will report directly to their classroom and have breakfast there.
- We will begin screening students and allowing them to begin entering the building at 7:30 a.m.
- ALL PRE-K students will be met by their teacher assistant in the front car loop where they will be dropped off. They will be screened at that time and then walked to the classroom by the TA.

Dismissal:

- All car riders will be socially distanced with assigned seats, sitting by classroom cohort, in the K/1 hallways and will be dismissed by name. Cohorts will spaced 7" apart.
- All daycare students will be socially distanced in the cafeteria with assigned seats, sitting by classroom cohort, and called to come to the bus loop to load by daycare.

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.

Arrival:

- All bus riders will be screened on the bus and the entire bus will be released to report directly to their classroom and have breakfast there.

Dismissal:

- All bus riders and daycare riders will be dismissed by announcements in the afternoon. (ex. K-2 Bus 263, 3-5 Bus 263) There will be hallway monitors to ensure social distancing.

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](#).

In order to ensure effective communication between school and home, it is crucial that we have the most up-to-date contact information. If you are not currently receiving connectEd messages from the school, please contact us at 336-578-0177, so that we can also update your information in Powerschool.

We also utilize Class Dojo to communicate with parents. If you are not connected to your child's teacher in Dojo, please either reach out to the school or your child's teacher to establish your account.

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.

Whole Group Instruction

- Students will need to maintain social distancing and masks during whole group instruction. They may sit on the floor (not on the carpet) socially distanced or remain at their seat.
- Sharing of tables/ desks will not be permitted other than the teacher table for SG guided instruction.

Small Group Instruction

- Students will receive SG instruction for reading and math. Teachers will have 3 shields at their SG table for SG instruction. Students and teachers need to wear a mask during SG instruction. When students are not with their teacher they are to complete independent tasks that do not require the sharing of any materials such as Imagine Math or Literacy, iReady books assignments, standards based tasks, etc.

Specials

- Specials will be held in the classroom. (Except P.E.)
- Art, Media, and Music will be held in the classroom on a cart so that teachers can have planning.
- Students will attend P.E. outside (and it will include a 15 minute mask break) weather permitting and they will attend in the gym and have assigned squares.

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning **March 1**.

HRE will be operating under the K-5 Cohort Configuration #3. More information can be found [here](#).

The Plan B Master Schedule can be found [here](#).

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.](#)

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. 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!

