

Plan B:

(Updated – New NCDHSS Requirements: 7/15/2020)

*Please check back often for updates

The requirements for returning to school under Plan B have been updated. Given the guidance from Plan B, it is not possible to return all students to school; therefore, grades K-12 will follow a hybrid model which includes both face-to-face instruction and remote learning from home on designated days. Approximately half the student population will be in the building at a given time and are required to meet the 6 feet social distancing requirements.

We recognize health conditions may prohibit students and staff from returning to school under Plan B. Therefore, ACS will offer an option for K-12 students to attend the Ashe Schools K-12 Online Academy, where students will work with specially designated staff in a virtual classroom setting with other online learners. This option requires a commitment of one semester students during the 2020-2021 school year. There will be limited course offerings due to staffing needs. More details will be released prior to August 17.

Instruction under Plan B

PreK

We are still awaiting guidance from the State before a decision is made about all Preschool Programs.

K-12

- K-12 students will be in a Hybrid Model - Face-to-Face instruction in the classroom (2 days a week) and online independent learning (3 days a week). The specifics of which students will attend which days will be shared at a later date.
- One of the three remote days will be WIN (What I Need) Wednesday, which will be a midweek check-in and personalized learning for students.
 - On these Wednesday's students with identified needs will receive invitations from teachers to attend additional, individualized, small-group face to face or remote instruction for personalized learning. Students who do not attend invitation-only sessions will have additional time to explore enrichment activities, catch up on assignments, turn in work, and/or contact teachers for additional support.

- Special populations (Students with IEPs, 504s, ESL, etc.) will attend school consistent with their peers. District staff will work on individualized plans to account for our hybrid learning environment. More information will be shared prior to August 17.
- We are evaluating how to best provide enrichment classes and recess. This information will be available at a later date.

Safety Requirements under Plan B

ACS will follow all requirements from the state regarding social distancing, sanitizing, facial coverings (masks, face shields, or what type of covering is approved by the state), and minimizing exposure as outlined in the [StrongSchoolsNC](#) document.

Per the StrongSchoolsNC, an approved facial coverings must be worn:

- By all students K-12, all teachers, staff, and adult visitors on buses or other school transportation vehicles, inside buildings and anywhere on school grounds, including outside.

School Nutrition under Plan B

- All meals served at school will be picked up by the students in the cafeteria/delivered and eaten in the classrooms.
- Students may bring their lunch from home, but they must bring it with them to school. Parents will not be allowed to drop off food during the day.
- Meal service will be available at each school for students who are not at school for the Face-to-Face days.

Transportation Under Plan B

Buses will be required to operate at a reduced capacity.

- No more than one passenger can be seated per school bus seat (family/household members can share one seat).
- We encourage you to provide your own transportation (if possible) so we can reserve seats for students without alternative transportation.
- Facial coverings **are** required for students and bus monitors/drivers (unless they have a medical exception)
- Individuals must stay home and not board transportation if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Caregivers must be at the bus stop for AM pick-up for K-3rd grade students and remain until the student has been screened.
- Students that develop symptoms during the day, must not use bus transportation to return home and must follow outlined protocols.
- Provide hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) to support healthy hygiene behaviors on all school transportation vehicles.

Extracurricular, Athletic, and other After School Activities Under Plan B

- Athletics and Marching Band will continue operate under the NCHSAA guidelines which limits the number of students and coaches/staff working together. At this point, it is uncertain if athletic competitions will be allowed under state guidelines.
- Extracurricular clubs and after school activities cannot meet face-to-face during Plan B.