

## CCS Staff In the Know



**NEW  
TEACHER  
ORIENTATION**

Welcome to our Newest Educators

Join the CCS Family

  
**Craven**  
COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Back To School**

**MASK UP!**



**Let's keep our students & staff in  
school while protecting the  
health and safety of all!**

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**Updated Masks Protocols**

### Outdoor Activities/Athletics/Marching Band:

- All students are not required to wear masks during physical activity during recess. If students are sitting and not physically active and not appropriately distanced, they must wear masks.
- All special activities conducted outside do not require students to wear masks as long as they are physically active (ROTC, Color Guard, Drill Team, etc..)
- All athletes and coaches are required to wear masks when not actively participating in the athletic event (standing on sidelines, sitting on the bench, etc..)
- All athletes are NOT required to wear masks when actively participating in the event (on the field playing)
- Band members and directors are required to wear masks when sitting and playing in the stands
- Band members are not required to wear masks when marching/performing on the field
- Cheerleaders will distance 6 ft apart and are required to wear masks when taking a break
- Cheerleaders are not required to wear masks when actively cheering
- Spectators are **highly recommended** to wear masks, but wearing masks at outdoor sporting/band events is not required

### Indoor Activities/Athletics/Marching Band:

- All students must wear masks for any activities conducted inside the building.
- All athletes and coaches are required to wear masks when not actively participating in the athletic event (standing on sidelines, sitting on the bench, etc..)
- All athletes are NOT required to wear masks when actively participating in the event (playing volleyball, basketball, etc...)
- Band members and directors are required to wear masks when sitting and playing in the bleachers
- Band members are not required to wear masks when marching/performing on the court or during a competition (winter guard)
- Cheerleaders will distance 6 ft apart and are required to wear masks when taking a break
- Cheerleaders are not required to wear masks when actively cheering
- Spectators are **REQUIRED** to wear masks at all indoor activities/sporting events

### **Mask Breaks**

Please provide a daily morning and afternoon mask break. Each break should be at least 5 minutes and can be done in the classroom and/or outside whatever is most convenient for classroom teachers. Students should be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible during the mask break.

### **Mask Exemption Process for K-12 Students**

The Mask Exemption Request Process will be shared with parents but we wanted our staff to have this information in case you are asked. In order to request an exemption, the following process will be followed:

1. Parents will pick up the exemption packet from their school principal.
2. Parents will return the completed exemption request and documentation to Mike Swain, Director of Student Services.
4. The Mask Exemption Committee will meet to review the request and documentation. The committee consists of the Director of Student Services, Assistant Director of Exceptional Children, a Classroom Teacher, the School Principal, and the Assistant Lead Nurse .

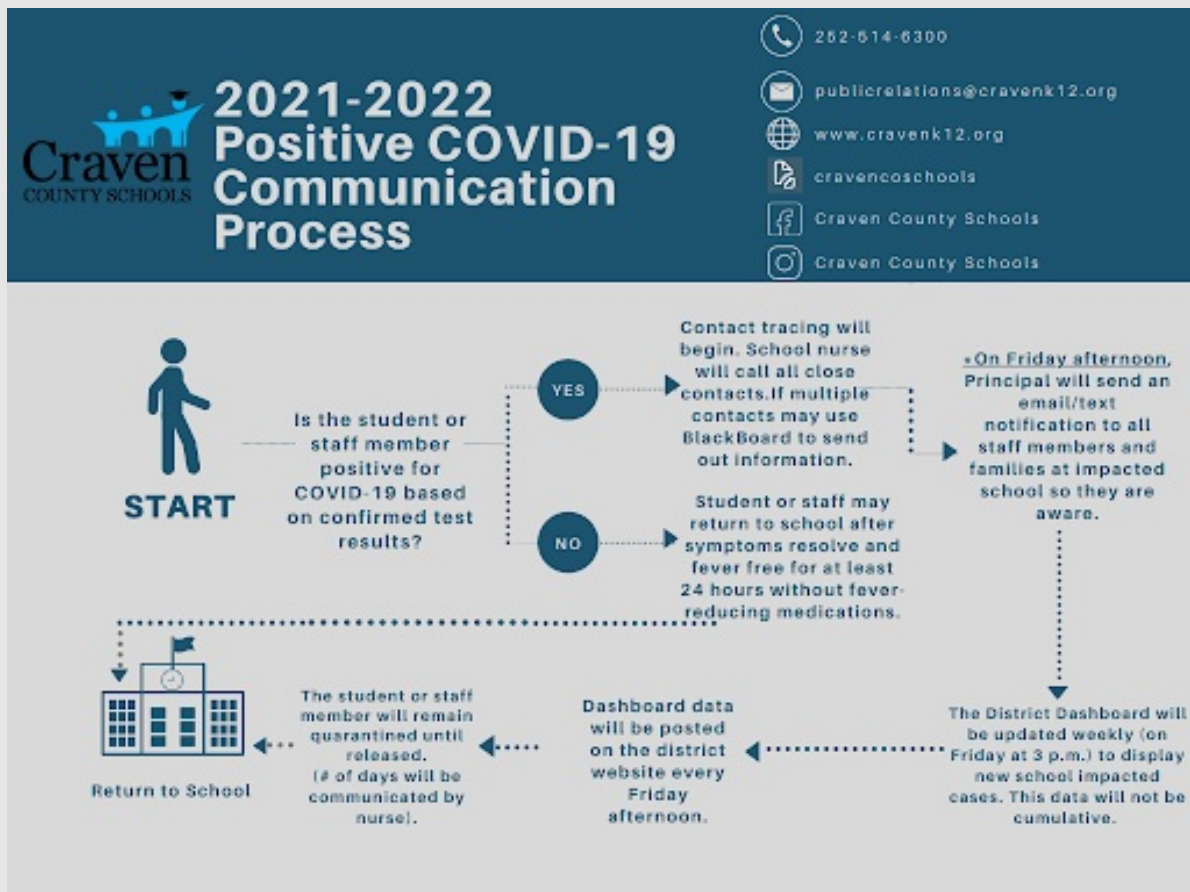


5. The committee will review all documentation and reach a decision based on an exemption formula.

6. Parents will be notified, in writing, of the decision reached within 5 business days from the date they submit the completed request packet.

Exemptions that were approved last year will remain in effect. Parents will not be required to request another exemption for this year. If an exemption was not approved, parents may submit again, with proper documentation. To make you aware, there were 82 exemption requests and of those, 74 were approved.

Reminder: All students **MUST** wear a cloth face mask when riding a school or activity bus. The Mask Exemptions do not apply to buses unless the exemption is based on transportation being a related service as noted in a student's IEP.



### 2021-2022 COVID COMMUNICATION PROCESS

We wanted to share our updated positive COVID communication process for the 2021-2022 school year. Quarantine is required for an individual who has been a close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes cumulatively over a 24-hour period) of someone who is determined positive with COVID-19 either through testing or symptom consistent diagnosis.

Please note if an individual is considered a close contact, the close contact will receive notification from the school nurse. In the event that there are multiple close contacts, the principal will assist with sending out an alert phone call to all close contacts to help get the information out as quickly as possible. Based on the recommendations from the NCDHHS Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit, as long as a close contact was wearing their mask properly (covering their nose and close fit to their face) they will not have to quarantine. Also, if the close contact is vaccinated they will not have to

quarantine.

The District Dashboard will be updated weekly and posted on Friday afternoons. This dashboard will not be cumulative and will share the number of positive students and staff as a total. Each Friday afternoon, a letter will be distributed to schools impacted by positive cases so the principal(s) can share this information with all staff and parents.

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW** through September 8th for an on-site field trip, an outreach to your school, or a virtual program for the 2021-2022 school year! Aquarium Scholars is a partnership between the [NC Aquariums](https://www.ncaquariums.com), NC public schools and the nonprofit NC Aquarium Society, through which private donors help fund access to Aquarium education programs for students across the state. These grants are only available for Title 1 schools.

Grant awards available for up to \$1,250 to help fund your field trip!

Applications for each Aquarium site can be found here:

**[Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium Scholars \(ncaquariums.com\)](https://www.ncaquariums.com)**

**[Roanoke Island Aquarium Scholars \(ncaquariums.com\)](https://www.ncaquariums.com)**

**[Fort Fisher Aquarium Scholars \(ncaquariums.com\)](https://www.ncaquariums.com)**

**[Jennette's Pier Aquarium Scholars \(ncaquariums.com\)](https://www.ncaquariums.com)**

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School Nutrition held a kickoff meeting on Monday, August 16th for all SN staff in partnership with Pamlico County Schools. The theme was making the impossible, possible. One bite at a time. □

Lots of great goals and expectations were shared plus Devon Harris, Captain of the Jamaica Bobsled team (featured in Cool Runnings) explained how your actions can lead to reality when you fulfill your dreams.

Dr. Miller, Superintendent also shared how SN Staff make the magic happen every day by providing excellent service to our students and staff.

Thank you to our SN Staff for always working together as a team for the benefit of our children. Remember Iron Sharpens Iron!

We are **#CCSUnited**

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On August 18th, high school students from **Havelock High School**, **New Bern High School**, and **West Craven High** presented to the Superintendent and the Superintendent's Leadership Cabinet a proposal for painted Senior Parking Spaces. This group did a

phenomenal job of demonstrating several of our core values to include management by fact, valuing people, visionary leadership, student-centered excellence, organizational learning, and agility, and focus on success. You made us very proud today and your presentation was professional and well planned. Our students are leaders and we look forward to seeing their proposal being completed. This is a perfect example of **#CCSUnited**



### **Craven Virtual Academy**

Together we can do virtually anything!  
Craven Virtual Academy had a great week welcoming its students to this new school that will officially open on August 23rd serving 3rd-12th grade. We look forward to offering this engaging blended learning environment and cannot wait to see the endless possibilities.

### **A Message from Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) for our military-connected families, service members, and veterans:**

From the White Oak Collaborative of military- and veteran-serving organizations, of which MCEC is proud to be a member alongside so many extraordinary partners, we share their following message of support:

As events rapidly unfold in Afghanistan, the news may be distressing to many service members, Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. You are not alone.

If you are a veteran, military member, family service member, including National Guard and Reserves, caregiver, or survivor, immediate help is available through the Veterans Crisis Line and Military Crisis Line by calling 1-800-273-8255 and pressing 1 or by texting 838255.

The organizations listed below, along with MCEC, are standing by to help. We're all in this together.





## The White Oak Collaborative

AARP	Modern Military Association of America
American Red Cross	Nation's Finest
America's Warrior Partnership	National Math & Science Initiative
The Armed Forces Retiree Association	Partners in PROMISE
Armed Services YMCA	PENFED Foundation
Blue Star Families	PsychArmor Institute
Beth Conlin	Psych Hub
Bunker Labs	RallyPoint
Code of Support Foundation	Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers (Operation Family Caregiver)
Cohen Veterans Network	Saralyn Mark, MD
Combined Arms	Schultz Family Foundation
Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services	Sea Service Family, Foundation
Elizabeth Dole Foundation	Secure Families Initiative
Exceptional Families of the Military	Semper Fi & America's Fund
Freedom Learning Group	The Society for Military Psychology
Sarah L. Friedman, Ph.D.	Student Veterans of America
Headstrong	Team RWB
The Independence Fund	The Retired Enlisted Association
Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University	TAPS
IAVA	Travis Manion Foundation
Military Child Education Coalition	TriWest Community Partners
Military Family Advisory Network	United Through Reading
Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University	Vets' Community Connections
Military Spouse Advocacy Network	VetsFirst United Spinal Association
Military Spouse JD Network	Veterans Education Success
The Mission Continues	The Women's Memorial & Foundation
	wear blue: run to remember



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PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**



*If your child needs school supplies,  
contact your school principal or guidance counselor.*

It is with a grateful heart that we thank those who showed their support of Stuff the Bus! Although it was one of the hottest days of the year, we had a great turnout of volunteers, bountiful donations, generous in-kind partnerships, and plenty of bottled water ;) !

The PIE board wishes to thank our sponsors, volunteers, bus driver, Craven County Schools administration, and teachers for your tireless efforts. Thank you to the school contacts who picked up their totes at the end of the event to expedite the delivery process.

A special thank you to those organizations who agreed to be drop off locations in advance and then delivered them to the event! You understand the true meaning of partnership!

Our community continues to demonstrate its support of our students by growing our Stuff the Bus event every year, and for that, we are grateful. We thank each one of you who supported us with a cash or supply donation or by volunteering.

We can't finish tallying the numbers because we continue to get donations, and that's a good problem. Our best guess is that we are at \$25,000! Plus, we have over \$33,000 in in-kind sponsorship!

It is a pleasure to serve our district. We made our corner of the world a little better through Stuff the Bus.

This year was especially poignant because Danny Humphrey, store manager at Staples in New Bern, passed away earlier this month. He loved this event, and his passion for supporting our students in Craven County was evident in his dedication to PIE. This event is dedicated to his memory. Rest easy, Danny, we carried the event to a higher level, and you would be so proud!

Sincerely,

PIE Board of Directors



Pictured from left to right:  
Brad Ayers-Altice USA, County  
Commissioner Bea Smith, Lisa  
Stokes-Altice USA, County  
Commissioner and Chair-George

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\* Se aplican prácticas de gestión de red redundantes. Vuelva suscribirse anticipadamente para obtener, OFERTA, por nuevos clientes residentes que no tienen suscripciones de acceso a Internet por un periodo de 30 días, que comparen con los criterios de elegibilidad. No se puede combinar con otras ofertas. Aplican límites, restricciones y condiciones. Puede haber otras opciones complementarias disponibles. La garantía de 30 días para la devolución de dinero aplica solo a los clientes que solicitan la devolución de su dinero dentro de 30 días de haber recibido el servicio. No se aplica a los clientes que solicitan la devolución de su dinero después de 30 días de haber recibido el servicio. La velocidad promocionada es para conexiones por cable. La disponibilidad de velocidad varía según el área. Muchos factores afectan la velocidad. Las velocidades reales pueden variar y no están garantizadas. En redes inalámbricas, la velocidad, el rendimiento y disponibilidad están sujetos a factores fuera del control de nuestro proveedor de servicios de Internet. Consulte la velocidad de su proveedor de servicios de Internet para obtener más información. Los cambios e interrupciones sin previo aviso. Vuelva a VisitAInternet.com/terms para consultar restricciones y limitaciones del servicio, detalles de ofertas, restricciones, términos y condiciones.

As part of the implementation of mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition for the 21-22 school year, all North Carolina educators will have access to a self-paced online course as a support for a successful implementation and to serve as a resource

throughout the school year. You will not be able to create an account or access the course until July 7, 2021. To create an account click the [LINK](#), enter your name and email, create a password, click sign up, and bookmark the course. It will be important to use a consistent log-in once you start the course so that you can generate a completion certificate

Upon completion participants will be able to:

Explain how mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition assesses the basic early literacy skills required for students to become proficient readers.

Administer and score mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition assessment measures for their grade level according to standardized guidelines.

Interpret student data and identify students' instructional needs.

Access targeted skills-focused lessons available in mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition to plan differentiated instruction.

Generate a certificate of completion.

Please contact Mr. Jason Griffin if you have any questions regarding this self-paced training.

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