

CLARKSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Along with the new high school, five new elementary schools and one middle school were opened between 2006 and 2023. There are currently approximately 1,500 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the Clarksburg Cluster. Of the approved units, approximately 800 are multifamily and 700 are single family units.

In addition, the Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Clarksburg, Northwest, Poolesville, and Seneca Valley clusters serve the families within the plan area. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20–30 years to build out. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>.

Planning Issue: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also includes the following middle schools: John T. Baker, Cabin John, Roberto W. Clemente, Forest Oak, Robert Frost, Gaithersburg, Herbert Hoover, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingsview, Lakelands Park, Montgomery Village, Neelsville, John Poole, Ridgeview Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Julius West. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the approved completion date for the new Crown High School is August 2027.

Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted the expenditures for Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date.

In the Recommended FY 27–32 CIP the proposed completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study/

Due to the declining enrollment the recommendation is for a future elementary school boundary study.

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Crown High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: The adopted CIP includes expenditures in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year.

An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY 2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which includes the construction of the auditorium. This new high school is scheduled to be completed and open in August 2027.

Rocky Hill Middle School

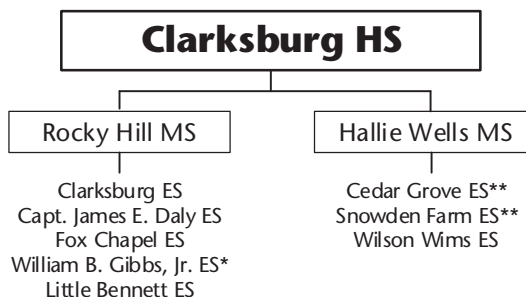
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Hallie Wells Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year



* A portion of William B. Gibbs Jr. ES also articulates to Neelsville MS and Seneca Valley HS.

** Portions of Cedar Grove ES and Snowden Farm ES also articulate to Damascus HS.

See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2026 appropriation in the amended FY 2025–2030 CIP for planning or construction funds.

Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2027 appropriation in the FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction.

Programmed—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

Proposed—Project has facility planning funds approved for a feasibility study.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2027 Capital Budget and the FY 2027-2032 CIP

Schools			Prelim.	Projections							
			25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2035	2040
Clarksburg HS		Program Capacity	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
		Enrollment	2210	2197	2195	2219	2224	2249	2236	2265	2265
		Available Space	(190)	(177)	(175)	(199)	(204)	(229)	(216)	(245)	(245)
		Comments	See Text								
Crown HS		Program Capacity			2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
		Enrollment			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space			2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
		Comments	See Text		Opens						
Rocky Hill MS		Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
		Enrollment	1001	1026	1033	1028	1027	995	973	985	985
		Available Space	19	(6)	(13)	(8)	(7)	25	47	35	35
		Comments	See Text								
Hallie Wells MS		Program Capacity	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969
		Enrollment	902	859	848	860	851	824	805	820	820
		Available Space	67	110	121	109	118	145	164	149	149
		Comments	See Text								
Clarksburg ES		Program Capacity	357	357	357	357	357	357	357		
		Enrollment	348	370	364	357	348	333	340		
		Available Space	9	(13)	(7)	0	9	24	17		
		Comments									
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	CSR	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
		Enrollment	462	453	445	439	434	428	425		
		Available Space	96	105	113	119	124	130	133		
		Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	CSR	Program Capacity	632	632	632	632	632	632	632		
		Enrollment	592	598	584	583	576	559	549		
		Available Space	40	34	48	49	56	73	83		
		Comments									
Little Bennett ES		Program Capacity	618	618	618	618	618	618	618		
		Enrollment	572	554	560	544	539	528	522		
		Available Space	46	64	58	74	79	90	96		
		Comments									
Snowden Farm ES		Program Capacity	763	763	763	763	763	763	763		
		Enrollment	541	497	466	451	442	435	439		
		Available Space	222	266	297	312	321	328	324		
		Comments									
Wilson Wims ES		Program Capacity	712	712	712	712	712	712	712		
		Enrollment	475	467	456	443	450	442	451		
		Available Space	237	245	256	269	262	270	261		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	109%	109%	109%	110%	110%	111%	111%	112%	112%
		HS Enrollment	2210	2197	2195	2219	2224	2249	2236	2265	2265
		MS Utilization	96%	95%	95%	95%	94%	91%	89%	91%	91%
		MS Enrollment	1903	1885	1881	1888	1878	1819	1778	1805	1805
		ES Utilization	82%	81%	79%	77%	77%	75%	75%		
		ES Enrollment	2990	2939	2875	2817	2789	2725	2726		

Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Notes: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native categories total less than 1% and were therefore excluded from the table. Due to federal and state guidelines, demographic characteristics of schools of less than or equal to 5 students per category are reported as 0%.

Special Education Services	
Quad Cluster Based	County & Regional Based

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2025–2026

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		13	
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		5	
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	1989		78,386	10	Yes	2	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.