

GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: There are three Master Plans—The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan, The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, and The Montgomery Village Master Plan—that involve portions of the Gaithersburg Cluster. It is anticipated that these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, with the pace of construction being market driven. In addition, there are approximately 2,800 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the cluster. Of the 2,800 units, approximately 2,260 are multifamily and 540 are single family units.

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 2027–2032 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 declining enrollment the recommendation is for a future elementary school boundary study.

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.

Gaithersburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Forest Oak Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

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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.

SCHOOLS

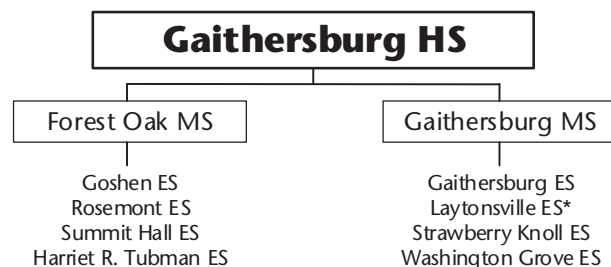
Crown High School

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.

Gaithersburg Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year



* A portion of Laytonsville ES also articulates to John T. Baker MS and then Damascus HS. See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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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
Gaithersburg HS		Program Capacity	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457
		Enrollment	2363	2293	2243	2265	2268	2282	2266	2285	2285
		Available Space	94	164	214	192	189	175	191	172	172
		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						
Forest Oak MS		Program Capacity	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971
		Enrollment	763	751	742	747	738	713	696	700	700
		Available Space	208	220	229	224	233	258	275	271	271
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg MS		Program Capacity	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028
		Enrollment	881	867	866	865	858	830	812	830	830
		Available Space	147	161	162	163	170	198	216	198	198
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg ES	CSR	Program Capacity	785	785	785	785	785	785	785		
		Enrollment	565	535	498	482	475	467	458		
		Available Space	220	250	287	303	310	318	327		
		Comments									
Goshen ES	CSR	Program Capacity	593	593	593	593	593	593	593		
		Enrollment	478	456	455	455	442	446	441		
		Available Space	115	137	138	138	151	147	152		
		Comments									
Laytonsville ES		Program Capacity	507	507	507	507	507	507	507		
		Enrollment	363	361	367	369	366	366	359		
		Available Space	144	146	140	138	141	141	148		
		Comments									
Rosemont ES	CSR	Program Capacity	577	577	577	577	577	577	577		
		Enrollment	592	575	556	547	554	557	527		
		Available Space	(15)	2	21	30	23	20	50		
		Comments									
Strawberry Knoll ES	CSR	Program Capacity	470	470	470	470	470	470	470		
		Enrollment	434	413	386	373	367	365	358		
		Available Space	36	57	84	97	103	105	112		
		Comments									
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	434	434	434	434	434	434	434		
		Enrollment	409	409	394	388	387	388	377		
		Available Space	25	25	40	46	47	46	57		
		Comments									
Harriet R. Tubman ES	CSR	Program Capacity	633	633	633	633	633	633	633		
		Enrollment	590	608	612	601	593	591	588		
		Available Space	43	25	21	32	40	42	45		
		Comments									
Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity	552	552	552	552	552	552	552		
		Enrollment	454	487	492	501	500	500	483		
		Available Space	98	65	60	51	52	52	69		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	96%	93%	91%	92%	92%	93%	92%	93%	93%
		HS Enrollment	2363	2293	2243	2265	2268	2282	2266	2285	2285
		MS Utilization	82%	81%	80%	81%	80%	77%	75%	77%	77%
		MS Enrollment	1644	1618	1608	1612	1596	1543	1508	1530	1530
		ES Utilization	84%	84%	69%	68%	68%	68%	66%		
		ES Enrollment	3295	3844	3148	3115	3684	3680	3591		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2025-2026						2024-2025		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Gaithersburg HS	2363	3.2%	20.7%	7.3%	60.8%	7.8%	55.7%	32.7%	20.8%
Forest Oak MS	763	1.4%	22.0%	4.8%	65.5%	5.9%	58.3%	29.6%	15.4%
Gaithersburg MS	881	5.4%	22.2%	5.8%	56.0%	10.3%	63.2%	30.5%	19.9%
Gaithersburg ES	565	2.1%	14.5%	2.1%	78.9%	1.9%	67.5%	64.2%	30.5%
Goshen ES	478	4.6%	23.4%	9.0%	51.7%	10.9%	55.9%	25.3%	13.7%
Laytonsville ES	363	8.3%	18.2%	7.4%	34.4%	31.7%	34.4%	17.2%	13.9%
Rosemont ES	592	5.7%	29.4%	8.3%	49.0%	6.6%	59.0%	39.2%	29.7%
Strawberry Knoll ES	434	4.4%	22.4%	10.8%	50.7%	11.3%	57.8%	19.9%	15.3%
Summit Hall ES	409	2.2%	19.6%	3.4%	72.9%	2.0%	67.6%	41.9%	31.5%
Harriet R. Tubman ES	590	4.2%	16.1%	5.4%	69.8%	4.1%	61.6%	46.2%	28.6%
Washington Grove ES	454	2.4%	26.7%	7.0%	51.8%	11.9%	52.7%	31.0%	36.6%
Elementary Cluster Total	3885	4.2%	21.3%	6.6%	58.5%	9.1%	58.7%	37.8%	18.9%
Elementary County Total	69752	6.0%	21.5%	12.9%	36.3%	23.1%	42.7%	26.3%	14.6%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2024–2025 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2024–2025 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2024–2025 school year compared to total enrollment.

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%.

Program Capacity Table

(School Year 2025–2026)

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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
Gaithersburg HS	1951	2013	427,048	40.97	Yes		HSWC
Forest Oak MS	1999		132,259	41.2			LTL
Gaithersburg MS	1960	1988	157,694	22.82			LTL
Gaithersburg ES	1947	1983	94,468	8.39		4	SBHC
Goshen ES	1988		76,740	10.48			
Laytonsville ES	1951	1989	64,160	10.4			
Rosemont ES	1965	1995	88,764	8.9		4	LTL
Strawberry Knoll ES	1988		78,723	10.8	Yes	2	
Summit Hall ES	1971		68,059	10.17	Yes	17	SBHC
Harriet R. Tubman ES	2022		99,893	5.72	Yes		LTL
Washington Grove ES	1956	1984	86,266	10.66			LTL

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.