

NORTHWEST CLUSTER

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

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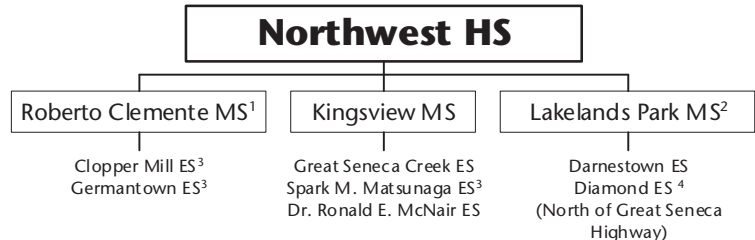
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Northwest Cluster Articulation 2025–2026 School Year



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²Brown Station ES and Rachel Carson ES also articulate to Lakelands Park MS but thereafter articulate to Quince Orchard HS.

³A portion of Clopper Mill ES, Germantown ES, and Spark M. Matsunaga also articulate to Seneca Valley HS.

⁴Diamond ES (south of Great Seneca Highway) also articulates to Ridgeview MS and Quince Orchard 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
Northwest HS		Program Capacity	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268
		Enrollment	2204	2162	2141	2158	2114	2122	2109	2150	2150
		Available Space	64	106	127	110	154	146	159	118	118
		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						
Roberto W. Clemente MS		Program Capacity	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141
		Enrollment	909	909	891	895	884	855	836	850	850
		Available Space	232	232	250	246	257	286	305	291	291
		Comments	See Text								
Kingsview MS		Program Capacity	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
		Enrollment	870	859	868	848	838	811	793	825	825
		Available Space	163	174	165	185	195	222	240	208	208
		Comments	See Text								
Lakelands Park MS		Program Capacity	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122
		Enrollment	994	984	974	973	963	931	911	915	915
		Available Space	128	138	148	149	159	191	211	207	207
		Comments	See Text								
Clopper Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	472	472	472	472	472	472	472		
		Enrollment	440	436	440	449	443	436	430		
		Available Space	32	36	32	23	29	36	42		
		Comments									
Darnestown ES		Program Capacity	387	387	387	387	387	387	387		
		Enrollment	338	331	327	319	312	310	316		
		Available Space	49	56	60	68	75	77	71		
		Comments									
Diamond ES		Program Capacity	650	650	650	650	650	650	650		
		Enrollment	662	638	645	629	631	612	610		
		Available Space	(12)	12	5	21	19	38	40		
		Comments									
Germantown ES	CSR	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
		Enrollment	316	321	314	317	315	315	320		
		Available Space	(37)	(42)	(35)	(38)	(36)	(36)	(41)		
		Comments									
Great Seneca Creek ES	CSR	Program Capacity	591	591	591	591	591	591	591		
		Enrollment	466	465	458	443	441	434	432		
		Available Space	125	126	133	148	150	157	159		
		Comments									
Spark M. Matsunaga ES		Program Capacity	602	602	602	602	602	602	602		
		Enrollment	503	498	486	475	461	463	461		
		Available Space	99	104	116	127	141	139	141		
		Comments									
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES		Program Capacity	799	799	799	799	799	799	799		
		Enrollment	643	613	591	578	556	545	553		
		Available Space	156	186	208	221	243	254	246		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	97%	95%	94%	95%	93%	94%	93%	95%	95%
		HS Enrollment	2204	2162	2141	2158	2114	2122	2109	2150	2150
		MS Utilization	84%	83%	83%	82%	81%	79%	77%	79%	79%
		MS Enrollment	2773	2752	2733	2716	2685	2597	2540	2590	2590
		ES Utilization	89%	87%	86%	85%	84%	82%	83%		
		ES Enrollment	3368	3302	3261	3210	3159	3115	3122		

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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%***
Northwest HS	2204	5.4%	27.1%	21.4%	26.7%	19.1%	36.1%	10.4%	10.5%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	909	4.2%	32.0%	16.3%	38.2%	8.9%	55.0%	15.5%	13.7%
Kingsview MS	870	5.5%	28.4%	25.4%	22.0%	18.6%	35.6%	10.6%	8.8%
Lakelands Park MS	994	4.5%	12.8%	19.0%	30.0%	33.5%	34.0%	15.0%	11.7%
Clopper Mill ES	440	3.9%	31.4%	8.0%	48.9%	8.0%	60.9%	27.7%	29.9%
Darnestown ES	338	8.6%	10.7%	18.0%	16.6%	45.9%	17.7%	10.4%	12.2%
Diamond ES	662	6.3%	8.9%	44.3%	15.7%	23.4%	12.4%	18.8%	29.2%
Germantown ES	316	4.7%	36.1%	19.6%	26.6%	12.0%	52.2%	16.6%	22.4%
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Elementary Cluster Total	3368	7.2%	22.7%	25.4%	24.8%	19.3%	36.5%	18.3%	16.4%
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%.

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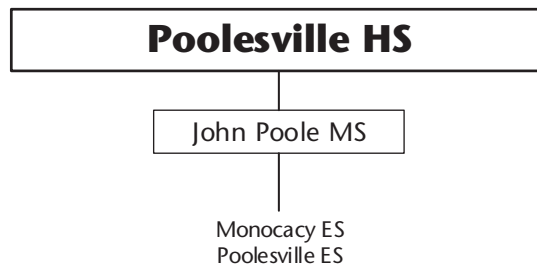
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