

# QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

**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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study)

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

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.

### Quince Orchard High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Lakelands Park Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Ridgeview Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues

## 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.

## Quince Orchard Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

### Quince Orchard High School

Lakelands Park MS\*

Brown Station ES  
Rachel Carson ES

Ridgeview MS

Diamond ES\*  
(south of Great Seneca Highway)  
Fields Road ES  
Jones Lane ES  
Thurgood Marshall ES

\* Diamond ES (north of Great Seneca Highway) and Damestown ES also articulate to Lakelands Park MS, but thereafter to Northwest HS.  
See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

## QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

### 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
Quince Orchard HS		Program Capacity	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783
		Enrollment	1989	1944	1896	1879	1901	1913	1899	1900	1900
		Available Space	(206)	(161)	(113)	(96)	(118)	(130)	(116)	(117)	(117)
		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						
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								
Ridgeview MS		Program Capacity	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955
		Enrollment	684	721	734	709	700	677	663	670	670
		Available Space	271	234	221	246	255	278	292	285	285
		Comments	See Text								
Brown Station ES	CSR	Program Capacity	725	725	725	725	725	725	725		
		Enrollment	558	553	549	539	534	527	532		
		Available Space	167	172	176	186	191	198	193		
		Comments									
Rachel Carson ES		Program Capacity	726	726	726	726	726	726	726		
		Enrollment	648	627	618	599	622	619	605		
		Available Space	78	99	108	127	104	107	121		
		Comments									
Fields Road ES	CSR	Program Capacity	455	455	455	455	455	455	455		
		Enrollment	445	434	436	431	428	415	411		
		Available Space	10	21	19	24	27	40	44		
		Comments									
Jones Lane ES		Program Capacity	510	510	510	510	510	510	510		
		Enrollment	430	427	383	381	386	386	375		
		Available Space	80	83	127	129	124	124	135		
		Comments									
Thurgood Marshall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	489	489	489	489	489	489	489		
		Enrollment	489	475	464	451	446	450	454		
		Available Space	0	14	25	38	43	39	35		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	112%	109%	106%	105%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%
		HS Enrollment	1989	1944	1896	1879	1901	1913	1899	1900	1900
		MS Utilization	81%	82%	82%	81%	80%	77%	76%	76%	76%
		MS Enrollment	1678	1705	1708	1682	1663	1608	1574	1585	1585
		ES Utilization	88%	87%	84%	83%	83%	83%	82%		
		ES Enrollment	2570	2516	2450	2401	2416	2397	2377		

## QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

### 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%***
Quince Orchard HS	1989	5.4%	15.8%	11.6%	35.5%	31.5%	38.0%	17.4%	12.5%
Lakelands Park MS	994	4.5%	12.8%	19.0%	30.0%	33.5%	34.0%	15.0%	11.7%
Ridgeview MS	684	5.8%	17.7%	10.7%	32.7%	32.9%	41.7%	17.3%	11.3%
Brown Station ES	558	2.9%	14.3%	7.2%	68.6%	6.8%	57.5%	47.9%	30.1%
Rachel Carson ES	648	7.6%	9.3%	13.9%	22.7%	46.6%	27.0%	17.6%	10.2%
Fields Road ES	445	6.3%	16.4%	13.7%	41.6%	21.6%	51.0%	25.2%	23.5%
Jones Lane ES	430	5.8%	9.1%	13.0%	32.1%	40.0%	34.3%	23.1%	13.4%
Thurgood Marshall ES	489	3.1%	24.1%	10.6%	31.1%	30.7%	43.9%	18.8%	21.4%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>2570</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>69752</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

\*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)

Special Education Services																			
Quad Cluster Based					County & Regional Based														
Other	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	2e @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7			
				2		2				4									
						4				3									
													1			2			
						5			3										
															1	3			

## QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

**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
Quince Orchard HS	1988		284,912	30.1		15	
Lakelands Park MS	2005		153,588	8.11	Yes		
Ridgeview MS	1975		145,168	20			
Brown Station ES	1969	2017	113,998	9	Yes	2	
Rachel Carson ES	1990		78,547	12.4			
Fields Road ES	1973		72,302	10		4	
Jones Lane ES	1987		60,679	12.07			
Thurgood Marshall ES	1993		77,798	12		5	

*\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.*