

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 weblink: <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 the Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusbouandarystudy/

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

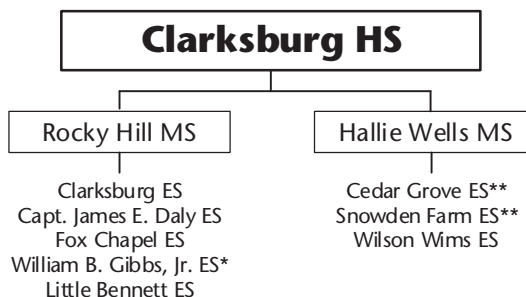
Crown High School

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 FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY2024 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 FY2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which will include the construction of the auditorium. The build out of the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium is part of the Phase I construction. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding and to build out the outside structure of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP is recommended to complete Phase II, the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and upgrade site amenities. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2024–2025 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 U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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Rocky Hill Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Hallie Wells Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

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

Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2026 appropriation for planning or construction in the FY 2025–2030 CIP.

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 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 CIP

Schools		Prelim.	Projections							
		24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	2034	2039
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Enrollment	2239	2226	2233	2258	2261	2272	2306	2340	2340
	Available Space	(219)	(206)	(213)	(238)	(241)	(252)	(286)	(320)	(320)
	Comments	See Text								
Crown HS	Program Capacity				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Enrollment				0	0	0	0	0	0
	Available Space				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Comments	See Text			Opens					
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
	Enrollment	1012	1008	1030	1039	1042	1043	1025	1050	1050
	Available Space	8	12	(10)	(19)	(22)	(23)	(5)	(30)	(30)
	Comments	See Text								
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982
	Enrollment	931	925	915	948	950	952	935	950	950
	Available Space	51	57	67	34	32	30	47	32	32
	Comments	See Text								
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	365	365	365	365	365	365	365		
	Enrollment	366	367	385	395	403	417	417		
	Available Space	(1)	(2)	(20)	(30)	(38)	(52)	(52)		
	Comments									
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
	Enrollment	476	453	456	461	455	454	452		
	Available Space	82	105	102	97	103	104	106		
	Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	665	665	665	665	665	665	665		
	Enrollment	621	610	626	621	626	635	636		
	Available Space	44	55	39	44	39	30	29		
	Comments									
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	630	630	630	630	630	630	630		
	Enrollment	614	592	576	585	581	588	586		
	Available Space	16	38	54	45	49	42	44		
	Comments									
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	763	763	763	763	763	763	763		
	Enrollment	578	530	474	438	428	428	434		
	Available Space	185	233	289	325	335	335	329		
	Comments									
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	717	717	717	717	717	717	717		
	Enrollment	484	483	474	462	450	458	458		
	Available Space	233	234	243	255	267	259	259		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	111%	110%	111%	112%	112%	112%	114%	116%	116%
	HS Enrollment	2239	2226	2233	2258	2261	2272	2306	2340	2340
	MS Utilization	97%	97%	97%	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
	MS Enrollment	1943	1933	1945	1987	1992	1995	1960	2000	2000
	ES Utilization	85%	82%	81%	80%	80%	81%	81%		
ES Enrollment	3139	3035	2991	2962	2943	2980	2983			

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2024–2025

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.