

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes the following adopted sector plans—Bethesda Downtown, adopted 2017 and Greater Lyttonsville, adopted 2017. A brief description of each is below. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

Montgomery Planning is currently undertaking the Friendship Heights Sector Plan working draft update. The working draft will be transmitted to the County Council in fall 2026.

The Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan will provide additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments. There are currently seven approved residential or mixed-use developments in the pipeline which include 4,853 mainly high-rise dwelling units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/bethesda-downtown-plan/>.

The Greater Lyttonsville Plan includes up to 3,749 new multifamily high-rise housing units and 132 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/greater-lyttonsville/>.

PLANNING ISSUE: On March 28, 2023, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to create the service area for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The scope of the boundary study included the following high schools: Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman. The scope also included the following middle schools: Argyle, Eastern, A. Mario Loiederman, Newport Mill, North Bethesda, Parkland, Thomas W. Pyle, Odessa Shannon, Silver Creek, Silver Spring International, Sligo, Takoma Park, Tilden, and Westland. No elementary schools were included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the completion date for the Northwood High School project was delayed one-year due to an extension of the construction timeline. As a result of Northwood High School remaining at Charles W. Woodward High School, its holding facility, for one additional year, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education adopted a revised timeline for the boundary study.

The Board of Education took action on March 26, 2026 to approve the boundaries which will begin implementation in the 2027-2028 school year, corresponding with the reopening date of Charles W. Woodward HS and completion date of the Northwood High School replacement.

The approved boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study/

Due to declining enrollment the Board of Education on March 26, 2026 approved a study for consolidation and closure along with a countywide elementary school boundary study along with any impacted secondary schools for implementation in the 2029-2030 school year.

B-CC Cluster Articulation

2026–2027 School Year

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

Silver Creek MS

Chevy Chase ES
North Chevy Chase ES
Rock Creek Forest ES*
Rosemary Hills ES

Westland MS

Bethesda ES
Rock Creek Forest ES**
Somerset ES
Westbrook ES

* non-Spanish Immersion **

Spanish Immersion

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 2028 Capital Budget and the FY 2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program

Schools		Prelim.	Projections										
		26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34	34-35	35-36	36-37	41-42
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439	2439
	Enrollment	2172	2208	2128	2074	1998	1975	1959	1928	1880	1836	1812	1812
	Available Space	267	231	311	365	441	464	480	511	559	603	627	627
	Comments		See Text										
Silver Creek MS	Program Capacity	940	940	940	940	940	940	940	940	940	940	940	940
	Enrollment	719	782	787	769	741	726	708	701	705	701	697	697
	Available Space	221	158	153	171	199	214	232	239	235	239	243	243
	Comments	See Text											
Westland MS	Program Capacity	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045
	Enrollment	864	791	763	769	745	733	714	708	711	708	704	704
	Available Space	181	254	282	276	300	312	331	337	334	337	341	341
	Comments	See Text											
Bethesda ES	Program Capacity	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	
	Enrollment	603	620	632	631	637	624	620	616	609	607	604	
	Available Space	(19)	(36)	(48)	(47)	(53)	(40)	(36)	(32)	(25)	(23)	(20)	
	Comments	See Text											
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	504	504	504	504	504	504	504	504	504	504	504	
	Enrollment	439	421	417	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	
	Available Space	65	83	87	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	
	Comments	See Text											
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	408	408	408	408	408	408	408	408	408	408	408	
	Enrollment	221	215	223	218	221	218	218	218	218	218	218	
	Available Space	187	193	185	190	187	190	190	190	190	190	190	
	Comments	See Text											
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	
	Enrollment	646	635	633	626	617	621	618	614	608	605	602	
	Available Space	15	26	28	35	44	40	43	47	53	56	59	
	Comments	See Text											
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	563	563	563	563	563	563	563	563	563	563	563	
	Enrollment	461	460	460	450	449	441	441	438	436	434	432	
	Available Space	102	103	103	113	114	122	122	125	127	129	131	
	Comments	See Text											
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	564	564	564	564	564	564	564	564	564	564	564	
	Enrollment	285	271	297	293	295	290	290	288	285	284	281	
	Available Space	279	293	267	271	269	274	274	276	279	280	283	
	Comments	See Text											
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	626	
	Enrollment	480	467	477	479	476	467	457	452	447	447	442	
	Available Space	146	159	149	147	150	159	169	174	179	179	184	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	89%	91%	87%	85%	82%	81%	80%	79%	77%	75%	74%	74%
	HS Enrollment	2172	2208	2128	2074	1998	1975	1959	1928	1880	1836	1812	1812
	MS Utilization	80%	79%	78%	77%	75%	74%	72%	71%	71%	71%	71%	71%
	MS Enrollment	1583	1573	1550	1538	1486	1459	1422	1409	1416	1409	1401	1401
	ES Utilization	80%	79%	80%	80%	80%	79%	79%	78%	78%	78%	77%	
	ES Enrollment	3135	3089	3139	3134	3132	3098	3081	3063	3040	3032	3016	

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2026-2027						2025-2026		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%*	Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	2172	6.0%	19.9%	8.8%	18.3%	46.8%	24.1%	10.6%	10.8%
Silver Creek MS	719	7.1%	29.9%	6.0%	19.2%	37.8%	34.7%	13.0%	8.9%
Westland MS	864	6.1%	17.2%	15.2%	20.6%	40.4%	18.7%	10.1%	10.4%
Bethesda ES	603	9.8%	20.1%	26.4%	12.6%	31.2%	29.8%	24.0%	26.0%
Chevy Chase ES	439	7.1%	29.4%	9.1%	13.9%	39.9%	34.0%	13.8%	7.5%
North Chevy Chase ES	221	5.4%	17.6%	8.6%	18.1%	50.2%	23.7%	11.4%	7.5%
Rock Creek Forest ES	646	5.7%	22.0%	8.7%	35.0%	28.3%	36.4%	20.6%	9.0%
Rosemary Hills ES	461	5.4%	29.1%	6.3%	19.7%	38.8%	37.4%	15.1%	16.4%
Somerset ES	285	7.0%	11.2%	13.3%	16.1%	52.3%	21.2%	17.6%	18.5%
Westbrook ES	480	8.3%	6.7%	9.6%	15.8%	59.4%	11.7%	11.3%	16.5%
Elementary Cluster Total	3135	7.1%	20.1%	12.3%	19.6%	40.5%	30.0%	17.7%	12.3%
Elementary County Total	67343	6.3%	21.7%	12.8%	36.0%	23.0%	41.6%	25.5%	14.1%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2025–2026 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2025–2026 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2025–2026 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 2026–2027)

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2026–2027

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.36			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.3			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,421	7.93		6	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.78			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	7.96			
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	87,298	6.07			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.46	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.