

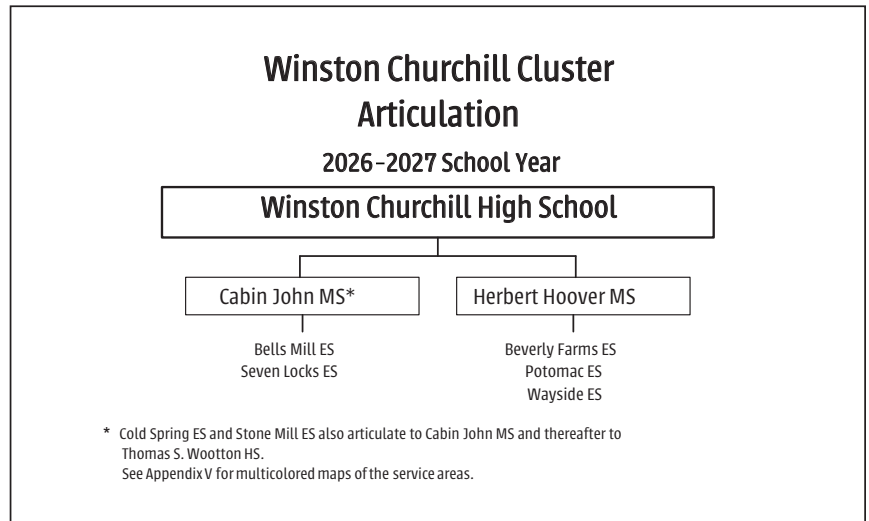
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■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

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 included 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 included 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 were 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 Adopted FY 2027–2032 CIP the completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. On March 26, 2026 the Board of Education approved the boundaries with an implementation timeline beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Based on declining enrollment a 27th high school is not needed to open at this time and the decision was that Thomas S. Wootton High School will be relocated to the Crown Farm facility site. 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 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.



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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2028 Capital Budget and Amendments to 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
Winston Churchill HS	Program Capacity	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930	1930
	Enrollment	2108	2238	2229	2225	2152	2117	2092	2055	1999	1968	1923	1923
	Available Space	(178)	(308)	(299)	(295)	(222)	(187)	(162)	(125)	(69)	(38)	7	7
	Comments		See Text										
Cabin John MS	Program Capacity	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102
	Enrollment	1055	1050	1029	1004	971	952	930	920	925	923	915	915
	Available Space	47	52	73	98	131	150	172	182	177	179	187	187
	Comments	See Text											
Herbert Hoover MS	Program Capacity	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109	1109
	Enrollment	959	1090	1063	1054	1018	1000	976	967	971	977	971	971
	Available Space	150	19	46	55	91	109	133	142	138	132	138	138
	Comments	See Text											
Bells Mill ES	Program Capacity	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	
	Enrollment	558	540	526	517	525	522	514	510	503	501	499	
	Available Space	64	82	96	105	97	100	108	112	119	121	123	
	Comments	See Text											
Beverly Farms ES	Program Capacity	748	748	748	748	748	748	748	748	748	748	748	
	Enrollment	532	506	501	500	512	501	498	492	487	486	483	
	Available Space	216	242	247	248	236	247	250	256	261	262	265	
	Comments	See Text											
Potomac ES	Program Capacity	486	486	486	486	486	486	486	486	486	486	486	
	Enrollment	424	423	411	412	409	407	409	407	401	401	398	
	Available Space	62	63	75	74	77	79	77	79	85	85	88	
	Comments	See Text											
Seven Locks ES	Program Capacity	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	
	Enrollment	367	357	362	365	360	359	360	357	353	351	349	
	Available Space	95	105	100	97	102	103	102	105	109	111	113	
	Comments	See Text											
Wayside ES	Program Capacity	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	
	Enrollment	466	445	454	447	445	434	445	443	437	437	434	
	Available Space	200	221	212	219	221	232	221	223	229	229	232	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	109%	116%	115%	115%	112%	110%	108%	106%	104%	102%	100%	100%
	HS Enrollment	2108	2238	2229	2225	2152	2117	2092	2055	1999	1968	1923	1923
	MS Utilization	91%	97%	95%	93%	90%	88%	86%	85%	86%	86%	85%	85%
	MS Enrollment	2014	2140	2092	2058	1989	1952	1906	1887	1896	1900	1886	1886
	ES Utilization	79%	76%	76%	75%	75%	74%	75%	74%	73%	73%	72%	
	ES Enrollment	2347	2271	2254	2241	2251	2223	2226	2209	2181	2176	2163	

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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%***
Winston Churchill HS	2108	7.6%	11.9%	32.0%	9.1%	39.4%	10.5%	3.5%	4.2%
Cabin John MS	1055	7.9%	15.3%	30.4%	10.5%	35.7%	13.1%	5.1%	8.3%
Herbert Hoover MS	959	9.7%	9.0%	38.7%	7.8%	34.7%	12.5%	3.9%	5.5%
Bells Mill ES	558	7.3%	11.6%	26.0%	9.7%	44.8%	11.7%	7.8%	9.9%
Beverly Farms ES	532	8.5%	8.8%	28.0%	8.3%	46.1%	7.6%	9.3%	4.8%
Potomac ES	424	12.3%	9.0%	30.7%	8.5%	39.6%	8.4%	8.6%	15.0%
Seven Locks ES	367	11.2%	10.4%	18.8%	12.3%	46.9%	8.4%	3.5%	10.2%
Wayside ES	466	7.7%	9.7%	35.2%	11.8%	35.6%	9.5%	7.7%	6.0%
Elementary Cluster Total	2347	9.2%	9.9%	28.0%	10.0%	42.7%	9.2%	7.7%	7.6%
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
Winston Churchill HS	1964	2001	322,078	30.28		4	
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Herbert Hoover MS	1966	2013	165,367	19.1			
Bells Mill ES	1968	2009	77,244	9.59			
Beverly Farms ES	1965	2013	98,916	4.98	Yes		
Potomac ES	1949	2020	86,550	9.02			
Seven Locks ES	1964	2012	66,915	9.9			
Wayside ES	1969	2017	93,453	9.26			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.