

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.

The approved and adopted 2026 Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan adds capacity for more than 4,000 new residential units if the maximum allowable residential density of recommended zones is realized across all properties in the plan area.

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 link: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>.

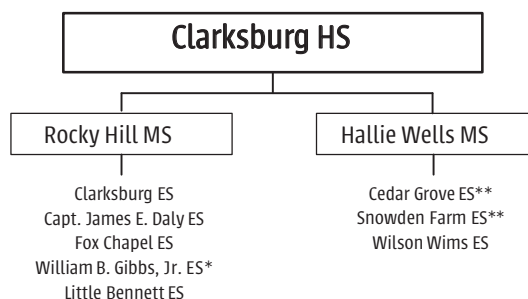
PLANNING ISSUE: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study included the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, 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.

Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2026–2027 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 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 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
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
	Enrollment	2217	2142	2074	1966	1824	1762	1706	1615	1519	1476	1452	1452
	Available Space	(204)	(129)	(61)	47	189	251	307	398	494	537	561	561
	Comments		See Text										
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003
	Enrollment	1027	822	823	843	814	800	779	772	776	772	768	768
	Available Space	(24)	181	180	160	189	203	224	231	227	231	235	235
	Comments	See Text											
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	977	977	977	977	977	977	977	977	977	977	977	977
	Enrollment	878	892	888	853	821	807	787	779	783	781	776	776
	Available Space	99	85	89	124	156	170	190	198	194	196	201	201
	Comments	See Text											
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	
	Enrollment	326	326	316	301	295	293	303	300	296	295	292	
	Available Space	42	42	52	67	73	75	65	68	72	73	76	
	Comments	See Text											
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	
	Enrollment	446	434	433	422	411	412	414	411	405	405	401	
	Available Space	48	60	61	72	83	82	80	83	89	89	93	
	Comments	See Text											
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	
	Enrollment	562	553	555	548	536	530	534	530	524	524	518	
	Available Space	83	92	90	97	109	115	111	115	121	121	127	
	Comments	See Text											
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	610	
	Enrollment	539	543	530	517	492	483	492	486	479	477	474	
	Available Space	71	67	80	93	118	127	118	124	131	133	136	
	Comments	See Text											
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	
	Enrollment	487	445	442	429	415	425	422	421	416	415	413	
	Available Space	237	279	282	295	309	299	302	303	308	309	311	
	Comments	See Text											
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	724	
	Enrollment	476	446	428	426	420	426	420	419	414	413	411	
	Available Space	248	278	296	298	304	298	304	305	310	311	313	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	110%	106%	103%	98%	91%	88%	85%	80%	75%	73%	72%	72%
	HS Enrollment	2217	2142	2074	1966	1824	1762	1706	1615	1519	1476	1452	1452
	MS Utilization	96%	87%	86%	86%	83%	81%	79%	78%	79%	78%	78%	78%
	MS Enrollment	1905	1714	1711	1696	1635	1607	1566	1551	1559	1553	1544	1544
	ES Utilization	80%	77%	76%	74%	72%	72%	73%	72%	71%	71%	70%	
	ES Enrollment	2836	2747	2704	2643	2569	2569	2585	2567	2534	2529	2509	

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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***
Clarksburg HS	2217	4.7%	28.5%	26.4%	26.7%	13.3%	34.8%	10.0%	10.7%
Rocky Hill MS	1027	4.5%	30.5%	20.7%	33.1%	10.6%	44.0%	16.1%	13.3%
Hallie Wells MS	878	5.2%	20.6%	40.0%	14.4%	19.5%	21.6%	5.0%	8.0%
Clarksburg ES	326	6.1%	32.5%	29.8%	17.2%	14.1%	31.4%	14.8%	12.5%
Capt. James E. Daly Jr. ES	446	4.7%	30.7%	7.4%	51.3%	5.6%	61.1%	36.9%	20.5%
Fox Chapel ES	562	4.3%	24.9%	17.1%	44.3%	9.3%	55.8%	29.2%	17.8%
Little Bennett ES	539	5.6%	25.6%	30.1%	16.5%	22.1%	29.9%	13.7%	15.7%
Snowden Farm ES	487	5.7%	23.2%	43.1%	14.4%	13.3%	22.7%	10.2%	11.7%
Wilson Wims ES	476	7.8%	22.3%	35.3%	13.9%	20.4%	19.8%	10.3%	16.3%
Elementary Cluster Total	2836	5.6%	26.1%	27.0%	26.8%	14.2%	39.0%	20.3%	13.1%
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)

Program Capacity Table										Special Education Services																								
										Quad Cluster Based		County & Regional Based																						
Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Specials	Regular Secondary @25	Base & Tier 1 Kinder @ 22	Base & Tier 1 Grades 1-2 @ 22	Base & Tier 1 Grades 3-5 @ 24	Tier 2 + 3 Kindergarten @19	Tier 2 + 3 Grades 1-2 @19	Tier 2 + 3 Grades 3-5 @22	Pre-K @20	Pre-K @40	HS @20	ELD @15	SLIFE @15	OTHER	ELC @8	LANG @8	LFI @8	SCB @8	AAK@8	AUT @8	BRIDGE @8	DHGH @8	SESES @8	EXTENSIONS @8	2e @8	PD @8	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @8	
Clarksburg HS	9-12	2013	93		87										2												4							
Rocky Hill MS	6-8	1003	48		46										2																			
Hallie Wells MS	6-8	977	48		45																						3							
Clarksburg ES	K-5	368	19	3		2	6	8																										
Capt. James E. Daly Jr. ES	PreK-5	494	32	5					4	8	9	1					2															1	2	
Fox Chapel ES	PreK-5	645	35	4					3	8	18	2																						
Little Bennett ES	K-5	610	34	3		3	8	13										7																
Snowden Farm ES	K-5	724	38	3		3	7	19															3			3								
Wilson Wims ES	K-5	724	37	3		3	7	19																						3	1	1		

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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
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73	Yes	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.