

QUINCE ORCHARD CLUSTER

■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

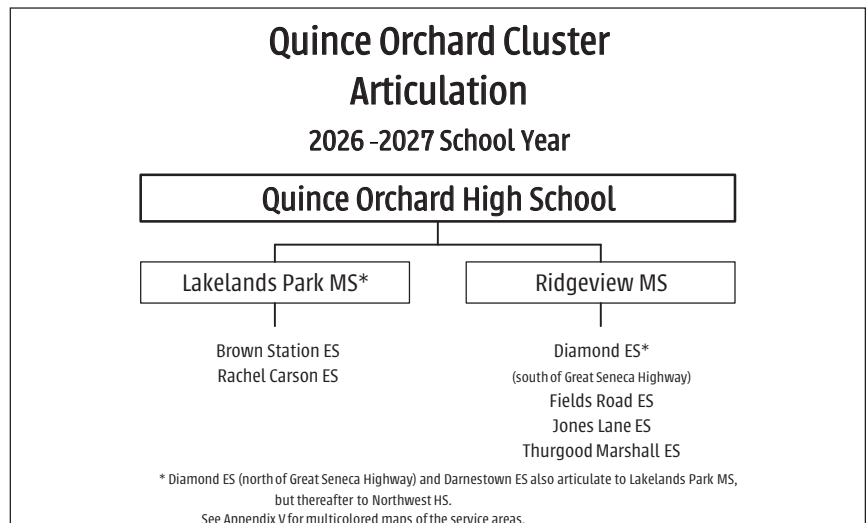
PLANNING ISSUE: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study included the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, 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
Quince Orchard HS	Program Capacity	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807	1807
	Enrollment	1803	1471	1451	1491	1611	1610	1578	1558	1511	1475	1445	1445
	Available Space	4	336	356	316	196	197	229	249	296	332	362	362
	Comments		See Text										
Lakelands Park MS	Program Capacity	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136
	Enrollment	1000	640	677	690	670	658	641	636	637	636	632	632
	Available Space	136	496	459	446	466	478	495	500	499	500	504	504
	Comments	See Text											
Ridgeview MS	Program Capacity	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954
	Enrollment	709	489	480	492	494	465	453	464	461	460	445	445
	Available Space	245	465	474	462	460	489	501	490	493	494	509	509
	Comments	See Text											
Brown Station ES	Program Capacity	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	696	
	Enrollment	565	569	568	552	550	542	540	535	530	528	526	
	Available Space	131	127	128	144	146	154	156	161	166	168	170	
	Comments	See Text											
Rachel Carson ES	Program Capacity	734	734	734	734	734	734	734	734	734	734	734	
	Enrollment	640	654	657	667	683	674	674	667	663	661	659	
	Available Space	94	80	77	67	51	60	60	67	71	73	75	
	Comments	See Text											
Fields Road ES	Program Capacity	459	459	459	459	459	459	459	459	459	459	459	
	Enrollment	425	415	419	412	399	403	397	394	389	388	386	
	Available Space	34	44	40	47	60	56	62	65	70	71	73	
	Comments	See Text											
Jones Lane ES	Program Capacity	526	526	526	526	526	526	526	526	526	526	526	
	Enrollment	377	312	315	310	322	317	327	323	319	319	317	
	Available Space	149	214	211	216	204	209	199	203	207	207	209	
	Comments	See Text											
Thurgood Marshall ES	Program Capacity	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	501	
	Enrollment	440	413	394	367	361	363	367	363	360	360	356	
	Available Space	61	88	107	134	140	138	134	138	141	141	145	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	100%	81%	80%	83%	89%	89%	87%	86%	84%	82%	80%	80%
	HS Enrollment	1803	1471	1451	1491	1611	1610	1578	1558	1511	1475	1445	1445
	MS Utilization	82%	54%	55%	57%	56%	54%	52%	53%	53%	52%	52%	52%
	MS Enrollment	1709	1129	1157	1182	1164	1123	1094	1100	1098	1096	1077	1077
	ES Utilization	84%	81%	81%	79%	79%	79%	79%	78%	78%	77%	77%	
	ES Enrollment	2447	2363	2353	2308	2315	2299	2305	2282	2261	2256	2244	

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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%***
Quince Orchard HS	1803	5.2%	16.1%	11.0%	35.3%	32.2%	34.8%	17.6%	13.9%
Lakelands Park MS	1000	4.9%	12.6%	19.4%	30.1%	32.7%	30.5%	14.5%	13.0%
Ridgeview MS	709	5.6%	19.2%	10.3%	31.6%	33.0%	40.4%	15.4%	9.0%
Brown Station ES	565	3.9%	13.6%	7.1%	68.1%	7.3%	57.6%	45.4%	31.4%
Rachel Carson ES	640	7.3%	9.2%	14.7%	21.4%	47.3%	25.6%	15.8%	10.8%
Fields Road ES	425	7.5%	18.1%	13.2%	40.0%	20.7%	50.0%	26.6%	24.8%
Jones Lane ES	377	8.5%	8.2%	12.5%	33.7%	37.1%	32.1%	21.9%	8.2%
Thurgood Marshall ES	440	4.8%	21.1%	12.5%	28.4%	33.0%	42.9%	19.6%	20.4%
Elementary Cluster Total	2447	6.3%	13.8%	11.9%	38.6%	29.3%	43.0%	27.1%	14.8%
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)

Schools	Program Capacity Table (School Year 2026–2027)																	Special Education Services																
	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	Quad Cluster Based				County & Regional Based												
																		ELC @8	LANG @8	LFI @8	SCB @8	AMC@8	AUT @8	BRIDGE @8	DH0H @8	SESES @8	EXTENSIONS @8	2e @8	PD @8	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @8	
Quince Orchard HS	9-12	1807	87		76										3	1	1						2					4						
Lakelands Park MS	6-8	1136	57		51										2					2							2							
Ridgeview MS	6-8	954	48		43										1							4												
Brown Station ES	HS-5	696	41	5					5	9	15	2					1													1		3		
Rachel Carson ES	PreK-5	734	35	3		5	10	16				1																						
Fields Road ES	PreK-5	459	30	4					3	6	10	1										6												
Jones Lane ES	K-5	526	27	3		3	6	13																		2								
Thurgood Marshall ES	K-5	501	32	4					3	6	12						3														1	3		

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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
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	