

RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER

■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Rockville Town Center Master Plan was adopted in January 2026 and provides a long-range document that establishes a vision for future growth and development.

The City of Rockville's 2040 Comprehensive Plan describes the broad vision for the city's future. Also of a visionary nature, the numbers of potential housing units mentioned in this plan are not included in the MCPS enrollment projections until site-specific development applications have been filed and are in the pipeline.

The City of Rockville adopted the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan in March 2016. Additional residential units, mostly multi-family units, are allowed in the Rockville Pike corridor. This development would occur on either side of Rockville Pike, from the intersection at Veirs Mill Road at the north to Rollins Avenue in the south. Most of this area is in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. The plan will require the redevelopment of existing land uses and require significant roadway improvements. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20 to 30 years to build-out and the pace of construction will be market driven. In addition, there are two master plans/amendments that include portions of the cluster—The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, adopted in 2021 and The Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan, adopted in 2019.

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.

Richard Montgomery Cluster Articulation

2026–2027 School Year

Richard Montgomery HS

Julius West MS

Beall ES
College Gardens ES
Ritchie Park ES
Bayard Rustin ES
Twinbrook ES

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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
Richard Montgomery HS	Program Capacity	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238	2238
	Enrollment	2324	2019	2037	2087	2199	2147	2095	2074	2027	1985	1952	1952
	Available Space	(86)	219	201	151	39	91	143	164	211	253	286	286
	Comments		See Text										
Julius West MS	Program Capacity	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427	1427
	Enrollment	1257	1332	1322	1321	1287	1263	1232	1226	1231	1227	1214	1214
	Available Space	170	95	105	106	140	164	195	201	196	200	213	213
	Comments	See Text											
Beall ES	Program Capacity	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	
	Enrollment	485	513	524	524	485	583	580	600	596	593	568	
	Available Space	181	153	142	142	181	83	86	66	70	73	98	
	Comments		See Text										
College Gardens ES	Program Capacity	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	722	
	Enrollment	429	415	406	387	382	374	369	366	362	361	360	
	Available Space	293	307	316	335	340	348	353	356	360	361	362	
	Comments	See Text											
Ritchie Park ES	Program Capacity	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	414	
	Enrollment	360	414	415	409	376	368	365	362	358	357	355	
	Available Space	54	0	(1)	5	38	46	49	52	56	57	59	
	Comments	See Text											
Bayard Rustin ES	Program Capacity	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	
	Enrollment	670	644	649	624	630	619	613	609	601	599	594	
	Available Space	30	56	51	76	70	81	87	91	99	101	106	
	Comments	See Text											
Twinbrook ES	Program Capacity	598	598	598	598	598	598	598	598	598	598	598	
	Enrollment	445	465	493	490	461	451	451	448	443	442	440	
	Available Space	153	133	105	108	137	147	147	150	155	156	158	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	104%	90%	91%	93%	98%	96%	94%	93%	91%	89%	87%	87%
	HS Enrollment	2324	2019	2037	2087	2199	2147	2095	2074	2027	1985	1952	1952
	MS Utilization	88%	93%	93%	93%	90%	89%	86%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%
	MS Enrollment	1257	1332	1322	1321	1287	1263	1232	1226	1231	1227	1214	1214
	ES Enrollment	2389	2037	2072	2025	1958	2027	2013	2023	2002	1995	1962	

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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%***
Richard Montgomery HS	2324	6.6%	15.8%	22.6%	26.9%	27.7%	28.4%	13.0%	12.6%
Julius West MS	1257	6.3%	17.3%	17.6%	30.3%	28.3%	39.1%	17.6%	13.9%
Beall ES	485	9.5%	8.5%	12.4%	28.2%	41.2%	24.3%	15.0%	10.2%
College Gardens ES	429	11.9%	30.8%	15.9%	18.6%	22.4%	38.9%	12.6%	34.0%
Ritchie Park ES	360	6.1%	13.6%	20.6%	13.6%	45.6%	13.5%	5.2%	9.6%
Bayard Rustin ES	670	13.0%	11.5%	23.7%	29.7%	21.8%	43.3%	27.5%	16.4%
Twinbrook ES	445	4.5%	11.2%	10.8%	62.2%	11.2%	54.9%	41.9%	23.2%
Elementary Cluster Total	2389	9.5%	14.6%	17.1%	31.1%	27.5%	37.0%	21.9%	15.1%
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)

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	LFT @8	SCB @8	AAC@8	AUT @8	BRIDGE @8	DHOH @8	SESES @8	EXTENSIONS @8	2e @8	PD @8	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @8	
Richard Montgomery HS	9-12	2238	103		97										2											4								
Julius West MS	6-8	1427	70		65										2											3								
Beall ES	HS-5	666	33	3		3	8	15					1						2			1												
College Gardens ES	PreK-5	722	36	3		3	6	20				1										3												
Ritchie Park ES	K-5	414	21	3		3	6	9																										
Bayard Rustin ES	K-5	700	38	4					6	10	18																							
Twinbrook ES	HS-5	598	34	5					4	8	15	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
Richard Montgomery HS	1942	2007	311,500	29.05		9	
Julius West MS	1961	1995	182,617	21.3			
Beall ES	1954	1991	79,477	8.4	Yes		
College Gardens ES	1967	2008	96,986	7.9	Yes		
Ritchie Park ES	1966	1997	58,500	9.2			
Bayard Rustin ES	2018		97,397	10.9		2	
Twinbrook ES	1952	1986	79,818	10.45			LTL

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.