

WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Walter Johnson Cluster has experienced considerable enrollment growth in the past eight years, primarily driven by the turnover of homes to younger families. New development in the cluster also has played a role, although by a significantly smaller amount than demographic changes in existing communities.

The cluster also will see substantial amounts of new housing associated with the following land-use plans: Rock Spring Master Plan, White Flint 2 Sector Plan, and Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan.

PLANNING 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 middle schools for implementation in the 2029-2030 school year.

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 addition and facility upgrades.

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

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■ Major Capital Projects

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Approved	August 2027

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2027 appropriation in the FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction funds.

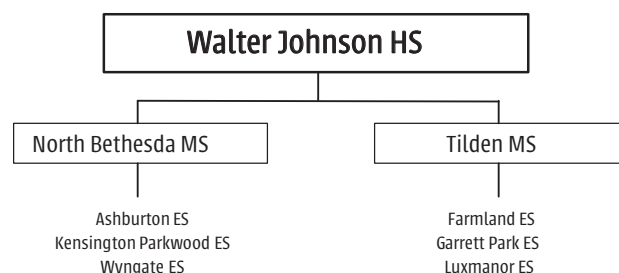
Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2028 appropriation in the amended FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction.

Programmed—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

Proposed—Project has facility planning funds approved for a feasibility study.

Walter Johnson Cluster Articulation

2026–2027 School Year



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
Walter Johnson HS	Program Capacity	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266	2266
	Enrollment	2903	2287	2011	1704	1642	1623	1590	1577	1534	1498	1467	1467
	Available Space	(637)	(21)	255	562	624	643	676	689	732	768	799	799
	Comments		See Text										
North Bethesda MS	Program Capacity	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187
	Enrollment	1178	1132	1134	1162	1124	1103	1075	1065	1069	1066	1060	1060
	Available Space	9	55	53	25	63	84	112	122	118	121	127	127
	Comments	See Text											
Tilden MS	Program Capacity	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250
	Enrollment	1141	1252	1224	1219	1188	1166	1138	1133	1137	1134	1122	1122
	Available Space	109	(2)	26	31	62	84	112	117	113	116	128	128
	Comments	See Text											
Ashburton ES	Program Capacity	802	802	802	802	802	802	802	802	802	802	802	
	Enrollment	838	848	856	861	881	884	868	853	841	841	833	
	Available Space	(36)	(46)	(54)	(59)	(79)	(82)	(66)	(51)	(39)	(39)	(31)	
	Comments	See Text											
Farmland ES	Program Capacity	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	770	
	Enrollment	771	784	758	736	735	732	737	709	700	699	693	
	Available Space	(1)	(14)	12	34	35	38	33	61	70	71	77	
	Comments	See Text											
Garrett Park ES	Program Capacity	758	758	758	758	758	758	758	758	758	758	758	
	Enrollment	709	743	747	748	744	734	741	712	704	701	699	
	Available Space	49	15	11	10	14	24	17	46	54	57	59	
	Comments	See Text											
Kensington-Parkwood ES	Program Capacity	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	
	Enrollment	559	547	557	553	540	538	537	536	530	529	524	
	Available Space	281	293	283	287	300	302	303	304	310	311	316	
	Comments	See Text											
Luxmanor ES	Program Capacity	762	762	762	762	762	762	762	762	762	762	762	
	Enrollment	647	656	622	603	598	581	580	574	565	565	562	
	Available Space	115	106	140	159	164	181	182	188	197	197	200	
	Comments	See Text											
Wyngate ES	Program Capacity	816	816	816	816	816	816	816	816	816	816	816	
	Enrollment	630	608	593	580	583	566	571	566	559	557	559	
	Available Space	186	208	223	236	233	250	245	250	257	259	257	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	128%	101%	89%	75%	72%	72%	70%	70%	68%	66%	65%	65%
	HS Enrollment	2903	2287	2011	1704	1642	1623	1590	1577	1534	1498	1467	1467
	MS Utilization	95%	98%	97%	98%	95%	93%	91%	90%	91%	90%	90%	90%
	MS Enrollment	2319	2384	2358	2381	2312	2269	2213	2198	2206	2200	2182	2182
	ES Utilization	87%	88%	87%	86%	86%	85%	85%	83%	82%	82%	82%	
	ES Enrollment	4154	4186	4133	4081	4081	4035	4034	3950	3899	3892	3870	

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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%***
Walter Johnson HS	2903	7.1%	17.2%	14.8%	18.7%	41.8%	19.3%	8.4%	8.9%
North Bethesda MS	1178	7.8%	14.6%	14.3%	19.5%	43.7%	15.7%	7.2%	7.5%
Tilden MS	1141	7.2%	16.9%	17.0%	20.7%	37.8%	24.2%	15.5%	8.2%
Ashburton ES	838	9.3%	20.3%	18.1%	15.5%	36.5%	24.3%	15.8%	18.9%
Farmland ES	771	7.4%	12.2%	27.6%	15.0%	37.2%	22.3%	27.6%	21.7%
Garrett Park ES	709	8.3%	15.2%	16.9%	22.8%	36.2%	26.5%	21.6%	16.4%
Kensington-Parkwood ES	559	9.1%	11.3%	8.6%	14.5%	56.5%	11.6%	10.1%	5.5%
Luxmanor ES	647	6.3%	18.4%	17.3%	28.1%	29.4%	30.0%	23.0%	18.7%
Wyngate ES	630	11.7%	5.4%	15.2%	12.4%	55.2%	3.2%	6.2%	4.4%
Elementary Cluster Total	4154	8.7%	14.2%	17.8%	18.0%	41.0%	20.7%	18.3%	12.6%
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)

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			
Walter Johnson HS	9-12	2266	106		97										3						3			2					1							
North Bethesda MS	6-8	1187	59		54										1								3						1							
Tilden MS	6-8	1250	63		56										2						3			2												
Ashburton ES	K-5	826	39	3		7	12	17																												
Farmland ES	K-5	770	40	4		5	10	17													4															
Garrett Park ES	PreK-5	758	37	4		5	10	17				1																								
Kensington-Parkwood ES	K-5	840	41	3		4	8	23															3													
Luxmanor ES	K-5	762	39	3		4	8	17														3									1	3				
Wyngate ES	K-5	816	38	3		3	9	23																												

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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
Walter Johnson HS	1956	2009	365,138	30.86		19	
North Bethesda MS	1955	1999	178,252	19.11			
Tilden MS	1967	2020	244,561	19.67			
Ashburton ES	1957	1993	91,178	8.3		8	
Farmland ES	1963	2011	89,988	4.75	Yes	4	
Garrett Park ES	1948	2012	96,348	4.38	Yes		
Kensington-Parkwood ES	1952	2006	102,382	9.86			
Luxmanor ES	1966	2020	99,376	6.49	Yes		
Wyngate ES	1952	1997	89,104	9.5			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

**Tilden MS is colocated with Rock Terrace School