

GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: Since 2007, there has been significant elementary school growth enrollment in the Gaithersburg Cluster. Some of this growth is due to new housing planned in the Shady Grove Sector Plan, as well as development of the Crown community, with over 2,000 residential units planned in the Rosemont Elementary School service area. In the 2014–2015 school year, a Gaithersburg Cluster Elementary School Capacity Study was conducted to determine whether additions to cluster schools could address the projected space deficits. Along with additions to existing schools, a new elementary school also was considered.

Capital Project: Based on the work of the Site Selection Committee, the Board of Education approved the opening of a new elementary school in the Gaithersburg Cluster on the Kelley Park site. The new school is scheduled to open in August 2022. An FY 2021 appropriation was approved to construct Gaithersburg Elementary School #8.

Planning Study: The opening of Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 was approved to open in August 2022. In accordance to Board of Education action, the boundary study was approved to create the service area for the school in spring 2020, earlier than typical boundary studies. The scope of the boundary study included all of the elementary schools and the two middle schools in the Gaithersburg Cluster. The boundary study began in March 2020; however, due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, community meetings were suspended. Continuation of the boundary study commenced in October 2020. The recommendation by the superintendent of schools was released in October 2021, as part of the FY 2023 Capital Budget and FY 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program. Board of Education action was on November 18, 2021. Information regarding this adopted boundary action is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/gaithersburgcluster8boundarystudy.aspx

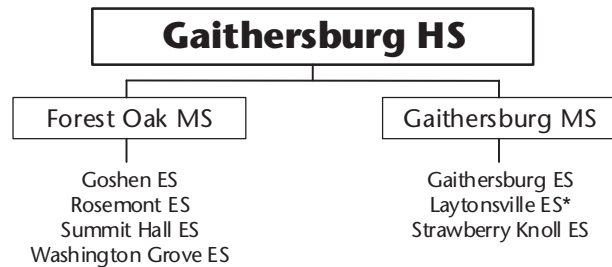
Planning Study: A capacity study was approved for the Watkins Mill Cluster to evaluate the space deficits in the elementary school cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

SCHOOLS

Gaithersburg High School

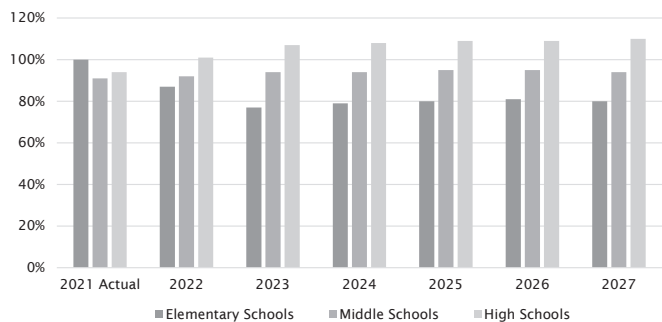
Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Gaithersburg High School will exceed capacity by the end of the six-year planning period. Expenditures are programmed in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year to begin in FY 2020. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. However, as part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and construction funds; however, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project by one year. The additional expenditures were approved, but the new completion date is August 2027.

Gaithersburg Cluster Articulation



* A portion of Laytonsville ES also articulates to John T. Baker MS and then Damascus HS. See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

Gaithersburg Cluster School Utilizations



Note: Percent utilization calculated as total enrollment of schools divided by total capacity. Projected capacity factors in capital projects. Desired utilization range is between 80% - 100%

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Forest Oak Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Elementary School #8

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Goshen Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Laytonsville Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Rosemont Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Strawberry Knoll Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Summit Hall Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Washington Grove Elementary School

Planning Issue and Capital Project: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Delayed	August 2027
Gaithersburg ES #8	New School	Approved	August 2022

*“Approved”—Project has an approved FY 2023 appropriation in the FY 2023–2028 CIP for planning or construction funds.

*“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.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability Effects of the Approved FY 2023–2028 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools			Actual	Projections							
			21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	27–28	2031	2036
Gaithersburg HS		Program Capacity	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443	2443
		Enrollment	2285	2467	2609	2632	2664	2669	2693	2750	2900
		Available Space	158	(24)	(166)	(189)	(221)	(226)	(250)	(307)	(457)
		Comments									
Crown HS		Program Capacity							2201	2201	2201
		Enrollment							0	0	0
		Available Space							2201	2201	2201
		Comments							Opens		
Forest Oak MS		Program Capacity	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	
		Enrollment	917	841	809	835	829	814	798	980	1000
		Available Space	38	114	146	120	126	141	157	(25)	(45)
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg MS		Program Capacity	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	
		Enrollment	874	961	1032	1012	1034	1044	1052	1075	1100
		Available Space	135	48	(23)	(3)	(25)	(35)	(43)	(66)	(91)
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg ES	CSR	Program Capacity	737	737	737	737	737	737	737		
		Enrollment	774	697	678	683	700	711	692		
		Available Space	(37)	40	59	54	37	26	45		
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg ES #8		Program Capacity		674	674	674	674	674	674		
		Enrollment		455	548	566	579	592	606		
		Available Space		219	126	108	95	82	68		
		Comments		Opens							
Goshen ES	CSR	Program Capacity	604	604	604	604	604	604	604		
		Enrollment	517	517	517	518	530	534	528		
		Available Space	87	87	87	86	74	70	76		
		Comments	See Text								
Laytonsville ES		Program Capacity	465	465	465	465	465	465	465		
		Enrollment	347	346	380	384	398	399	404		
		Available Space	118	119	85	81	67	66	61		
		Comments	See Text								
Rosemont ES	CSR	Program Capacity	602	602	602	602	602	602	602		
		Enrollment	595	654	636	648	607	588	538		
		Available Space	7	(52)	(34)	(46)	(5)	14	64		
		Comments	See Text								
Strawberry Knoll ES	CSR	Program Capacity	459	459	459	459	459	459	459		
		Enrollment	598	514	496	489	481	495	494		
		Available Space	(139)	(55)	(37)	(30)	(22)	(36)	(35)		
		Comments	See Text								
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	457	457	457	457	457	457	457		
		Enrollment	675	423	385	397	431	436	425		
		Available Space	(218)	34	72	60	26	21	32		
		Comments	See Text								
Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity	589	589	589	589	589	589	589		
		Enrollment	397	406	432	494	502	531	567		
		Available Space	192	183	157	95	87	58	22		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	94%	101%	107%	108%	109%	109%	110%	113%	119%
		HS Enrollment	2285	2467	2609	2632	2664	2669	2693	2750	2900
		MS Utilization	91%	92%	94%	94%	95%	95%	94%	105%	107%
		MS Enrollment	1791	1802	1841	1847	1863	1858	1850	2055	2100
		ES Enrollment	3903	4012	3524	3613	4228	4286	4254		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2021-2022						2021-2022		2020-2021
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Gaithersburg HS	2,285	2.8%	21.7%	5.6%	58.8%	10.9%	58.6%	23.7%	12.1%
Forest Oak MS	917	2.7%	24.2%	7.1%	58.3%	7.5%	64.3%	23.1%	9.6%
Gaithersburg MS	874	5.3%	20.5%	6.1%	55.5%	12.5%	56.6%	25.1%	8.0%
Gaithersburg ES	774	2.7%	13.8%	2.3%	78.0%	2.7%	83.9%	51.6%	22.0%
Goshen ES	517	3.3%	23.6%	11.4%	47.2%	14.3%	49.1%	31.5%	19.9%
Laytonsville ES	347	8.9%	19.0%	9.2%	30.5%	32.0%	28.2%	13.5%	9.0%
Rosemont ES	595	4.9%	33.3%	7.9%	43.7%	9.1%	60.3%	35.1%	21.3%
Strawberry Knoll ES	598	5.2%	27.8%	11.5%	45.7%	9.9%	48.8%	21.6%	8.1%
Summit Hall ES	675	2.7%	18.8%	4.0%	71.7%	2.7%	80.7%	49.3%	13.7%
Washington Grove ES	397	3.0%	22.2%	4.5%	62.0%	8.1%	65.0%	44.8%	14.3%
Elementary Cluster Total	3,903	4.1%	22.4%	6.9%	56.8%	9.5%	62.9%	37.4%	16.1%
Elementary County Total	71,050	5.3%	21.8%	13.7%	34.8%	24.0%	40.8%	25.4%	13.4%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2021-2022 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2021-2022 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2020-2021 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 2021-2022)

Schools	Special Education Services																																								
	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Support Rooms	Regular Secondary @25	Regular Elementary @23	CSR Grades 1-2 @18	Pre-K @20	Pre-K @40	HS @20	CSR KIND @18	KIND @22	ESOL @15	METS @15	HSM @13	ELEM LAD @13	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	County & Regional Based																				
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Gaithersburg HS	9-12	2443	122		97													3	4																						
Forest Oak MS	6-8	955	48		43															3																					
Gaithersburg MS	6-8	1009	52		44																					2	3														
Gaithersburg ES	Pre-K-5	737	44	6		15	13	1		7																	2														
Goshen ES	K-5	604	34	4		15	8			5					1			1																							
Laytonsville ES	K-5	465	27	4		16					3				1					3																					
Rosemont ES	Pre-K-5	602	36	4		9	12	1		6					1											3															
Strawberry Knoll ES	HS-5	459	32	4		2	11	1		1	5				1											3											1	1	2		
Summit Hall ES	HS-5	457	28	4			12	3	1	1	6				1																										
Washington Grove ES	HS-5	589	34	4		10	8		2	1	3				1																							2	2		1

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2021–2022

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms	County Programs
Gaithersburg HS	1951	2013	427,048	41.07	Yes		SBWC
Forest Oak MS	1999		132,259	41.2			LTL
Gaithersburg MS	1960	1988	157,694	22.82			LTL
Gaithersburg ES	1947	1983	94,468	9.22		11	SBHC
Goshen ES	1988		76,740	10.5		2	
Laytonsville ES	1951	1989	64,160	10.4			
Rosemont ES	1965	1995	88,764	8.9		4	LTL
Strawberry Knoll ES	1988		78,723	10.8	Yes	10	
Summit Hall ES	1971		68,059	10.2	Yes	17	SBHC
Washington Grove ES	1956	1984	86,266	10.7			LTL



Gaithersburg High School