CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes the adopted Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan that provides for up to 1,400 new, mostly multi-family residential units. Although the majority of the residential units can move forward at any time, build-out of all the residential units requires funding for the Purple Line to be secured. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

In May 2017, the County Council approved the Bethesda Downtown Plan, which will provide for additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments.

Planning Study: A study was approved in November 2017, to explore all possible solutions to add elementary capacity in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster. In the Walter Johnson Cluster, a Site Selection Committee held in spring 2018, identified possible sites for a new elementary school. However, the projected space deficits at the elementary school level in the Walter Johnson Cluster were not sufficient to recommend a new elementary school for the cluster at that time. Given that the adopted CIP in November 2018, included a capacity study for the elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, the Board of Education approved expanding the capacity study to explore possible solutions that would include the elementary schools in both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson clusters. The Board of Education also included a joint site selection process for the two clusters conducted in summer 2019. The adopted FY2023–2028 CIP includes planning funds in the out-years for this new elementary school with a TBD completion date.

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 includes the following high schools: Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman. The scope also includes 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 are included in the boundary study. It is anticipated that community meetings will begin early 2024, with the superintendent's recommendation released in February 2025, and Board of Education action in March 2025. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: *www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/WoodwardHSBoundaryStudy.aspx*

SCHOOLS

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

Silver Creek Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

Westland Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

Bethesda Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study

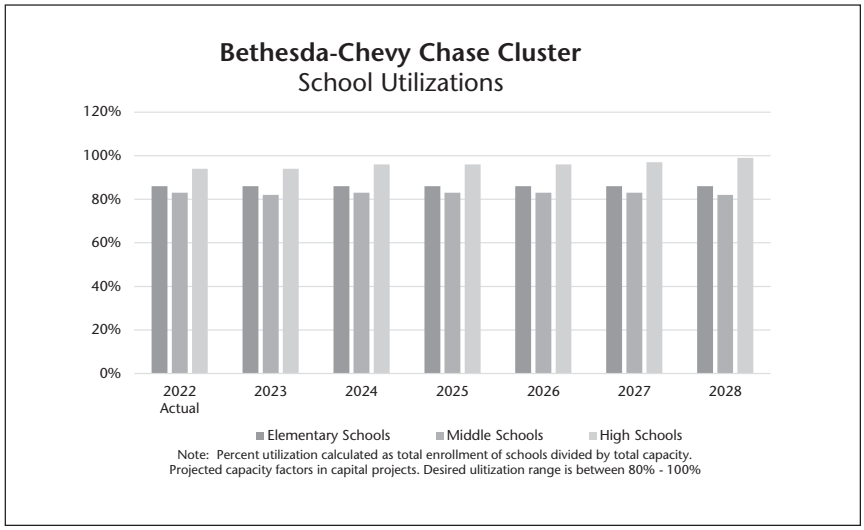
B-CC Cluster Articulation

2022–2023 School Year

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

Silver Creek MS	Westland MS
Chevy Chase ES	Bethesda ES
North Chevy Chase ES	Rock Creek Forest ES**
Rock Creek Forest ES*	Somerset ES
Rosemary Hills ES	Westbrook ES

* non-Spanish Immersion
** Spanish Immersion
See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.



Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity for some of the elementary schools in these two clusters. Planning funds for a new elementary school are approved in the out-years of the CIP. A completion date for this new elementary school will be considered in a future CIP.

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Somerset Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Westbrook Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	New School	Programmed	TBD

"Approved"— Project has an approved FY 2024 appropriation in the amended 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.

Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Adopted FY 2023–2028 Amended CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools		Actual 22-23	Projections 23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	2032	2037
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475
	Enrollment	**2335**	**2315**	**2386**	**2388**	**2371**	**2402**	**2440**	**2445**	**2445**
	Available Space	*140*	*160*	*89*	*87*	*104*	*73*	*35*	*30*	*30*
	Comments	See Text								
Silver Creek MS	Program Capacity	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894
	Enrollment	**778**	**750**	**763**	**767**	**764**	**761**	**759**	**760**	**760**
	Available Space	*116*	*144*	*131*	*127*	*130*	*133*	*135*	*134*	*134*
	Comments	See Text								
Westland MS	Program Capacity	1073	1073	1073	1073	1073	1073	1073	1073	1073
	Enrollment	**845**	**866**	**869**	**873**	**865**	**862**	**860**	**865**	**865**
	Available Space	*228*	*207*	*204*	*200*	*208*	*211*	*213*	*208*	*208*
	Comments	See Text								
Bethesda ES	Program Capacity	561	561	561	561	561	561	561		
Grades (K–5)	**Enrollment**	**611**	**605**	**599**	**571**	**554**	**539**	**540**		
	Available Space	*(50)*	*(44)*	*(38)*	*(10)*	*7*	*22*	*21*		
	Comments									
Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	473	473	473	473	473	473	473		
Grades (3–5)	**Enrollment**	**431**	**417**	**429**	**478**	**482**	**485**	**468**		
Paired With	Available Space	*42*	*56*	*44*	*(5)*	*(9)*	*(12)*	*5*		
Rosemary Hills ES	Comments									
North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	381	381	381	381	381	381	381		
Grades (3–5)	**Enrollment**	**234**	**242**	**242**	**254**	**258**	**260**	**246**		
Paired With	Available Space	*147*	*139*	*139*	*127*	*123*	*121*	*135*		
Rosemary Hills ES	Comments									
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity	*676*	*676*	*676*	*676*	*676*	*676*	*676*		
	Enrollment	**673**	**665**	**668**	**667**	**653**	**649**	**653**		
	Available Space	*3*	*11*	*8*	*9*	*23*	*27*	*23*		
	Comments									
Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	641	641	641	641	641	641	641		
Grades (pre-K–2)	**Enrollment**	**578**	**573**	**552**	**552**	**548**	**550**	**575**		
Paired With	Available Space	*63*	*68*	*89*	*89*	*93*	*91*	*66*		
Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Comments									
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	540	540	540	540	540	540	540		
	Enrollment	**338**	**330**	**344**	**343**	**362**	**369**	**377**		
	Available Space	*202*	*210*	*196*	*197*	*178*	*171*	*163*		
	Comments									
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	638	638	638	638	638	638	638		
	Enrollment	**496**	**528**	**511**	**503**	**506**	**522**	**521**		
	Available Space	*142*	*110*	*127*	*135*	*132*	*116*	*117*		
	Comments	Addition Complete								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	94%	94%	96%	96%	96%	97%	99%	99%	99%
	HS Enrollment	2335	2315	2386	2388	2371	2402	2440	2445	2445
	MS Utilization	83%	82%	83%	83%	83%	83%	82%	83%	83%
	MS Enrollment	1623	1616	1632	1640	1629	1623	1619	1625	1625
	ES Utilization	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%		
	ES Enrollment	3361	3360	3345	3368	3363	3374	3380		

Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2022-2023 Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	2021–2022 Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	2335	6.1%	17.1%	6.8%	21.2%	48.7%	25.5%	8.3%	10.4%
Silver Creek MS	778	5.7%	24.7%	5.0%	17.0%	47.6%	33.4%	10.0%	9.6%
Westland MS	845	7.7%	10.7%	11.1%	16.8%	53.4%	17.9%	7.7%	13.0%
Bethesda ES	611	9.7%	11.1%	22.3%	17.0%	39.9%	20.6%	19.8%	25.8%
Chevy Chase ES	431	5.6%	23.2%	10.4%	12.1%	48.7%	24.8%	8.4%	7.3%
North Chevy Chase ES	234	8.5%	19.2%	8.5%	16.7%	47.0%	26.9%	13.2%	11.7%
Rock Creek Forest ES	673	4.9%	22.0%	6.4%	35.2%	31.2%	33.3%	17.1%	16.2%
Rosemary Hills ES	578	4.5%	32.0%	5.7%	17.5%	40.0%	38.2%	16.6%	26.4%
Somerset ES	338	7.7%	11.8%	12.1%	17.5%	50.3%	20.7%	21.3%	14.5%
Westbrook ES	496	6.9%	6.3%	9.5%	18.5%	58.5%	14.3%	13.5%	5.7%
Elementary Cluster Total	**3361**	**6.6%**	**18.4%**	**10.9%**	**20.4%**	**43.6%**	**26.2%**	**16.0%**	**16.3%**
Elementary County Total	**72315**	**5.4%**	**21.7%**	**13.5%**	**35.6%**	**23.5%**	**47.5%**	**24.9%**	**19.9%**

**Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2022–2023 school year.*

***Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2022–2023 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.*

****Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2021–2022 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 2022–2023)

Schools	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	OTHER	Special Education Services: School Based: HSM @13	Quad Cluster Based: ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	County & Regional Based: AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	9-12	2475	110		110																										
Silver Creek MS	6-8	894	46		41								1		2							2									
Westland MS	6-8	1073	52		50																	2									
Bethesda ES	K-5	561	29	3		21						3								2											
Chevy Chase ES	3-5	473	24	3		20										1															
North Chevy Chase ES	3-5	381	21	2		16									1	1															
Rock Creek Forest ES	K-5	676	40	4		16	10	1			4											3							1	1	
Rosemary Hills ES	Pre-K-2	641	36	3		18			1			6				1						7									
Somerset ES	K-5	540	27	3		21						2				1															
Westbrook ES	K-5	638	33	3		23						3				1								3							

Facility Characteristics of Schools 2022–2023

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.4			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.4			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,421	7.9		4	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.8			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	8.0		2	
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	87,298	6.1			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.5	Yes		

**Relocatables on site to address overutilization*

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School