

CLARKSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Along with the new high school, five new elementary schools and one middle school were opened between 2006 and 2023. There are currently approximately 1,500 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the Clarksburg Cluster. Of the approved units, approximately 800 are multifamily and 700 are single family units.

In addition, the Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Clarksburg, Northwest, Poolesville, and Seneca Valley clusters serve the families within the plan area. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20–30 years to build out. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>.

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 includes 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 includes 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 are 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 the Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/>

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Crown High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: The adopted CIP includes expenditures 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. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. 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. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY2024 appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which will include the construction of the auditorium. The build out of the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium is part of the Phase I construction. Funding to construct the fit-out of the auditorium, Phase II, will be considered in the next CIP budget cycle. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

Rocky Hill Middle School

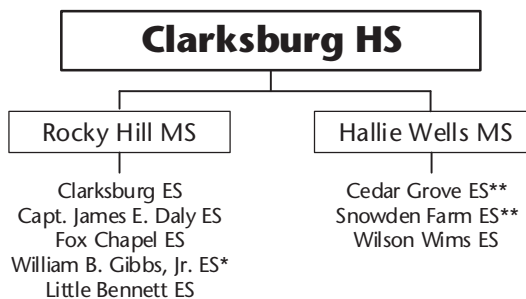
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Hallie Wells Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2023–2024 School Year



* A portion of William B. Gibbs Jr. ES also articulates to Neelsville MS and Seneca Valley HS.
 ** Portions of Cedar Grove ES and Snowden Farm ES also articulate to Damascus HS.
 See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2025 appropriation in the FY 2025–2030 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 Adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools		Actual	Projections								
		23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	2033	2038	
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	
	Enrollment	2215	2232	2326	2368	2442	2457	2475	2650	2650	
	Available Space	(195)	(212)	(306)	(348)	(422)	(437)	(455)	(630)	(630)	
	Comments	See Text									
Crown HS	Program Capacity					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	
	Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0	
	Available Space					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	
	Comments	See Text				Opens					
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	
	Enrollment	1041	1042	1049	1067	1086	1094	1100	1035	1035	
	Available Space	(29)	(30)	(37)	(55)	(74)	(82)	(88)	(23)	(23)	
	Comments	See Text									
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	
	Enrollment	943	945	951	968	986	994	999	1000	1000	
	Available Space	39	37	31	14	(4)	(12)	(17)	(18)	(18)	
	Comments	See Text									
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	365	365	365	365	365	365	365			
	Enrollment	448	373	369	374	363	338	354			
	Available Space	(83)	(8)	(4)	(9)	2	27	11			
	Comments										
Capt. James E. Daly ES	CSR	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
	Enrollment	502	475	460	458	467	466	467			
	Available Space	56	83	98	100	91	92	91			
	Comments										
Fox Chapel ES	CSR	Program Capacity	665	665	665	665	665	665	665		
	Enrollment	598	601	585	601	598	603	601			
	Available Space	67	64	80	64	67	62	64			
	Comments										
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	643	643	643	643	643	643	643			
	Enrollment	609	604	584	565	576	562	563			
	Available Space	34	39	59	78	67	81	80			
	Comments										
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	762	762	762	762	762	762	762			
	Enrollment	614	614	609	581	604	610	622			
	Available Space	148	148	153	181	158	152	140			
	Comments										
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	722	722	722	722	722	722	722			
	Enrollment	521	505	513	523	528	537	557			
	Available Space	201	217	209	199	194	185	165			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	110%	110%	115%	117%	121%	122%	123%	131%	131%	
	HS Enrollment	2215	2232	2326	2368	2442	2457	2475	2650	2650	
	MS Utilization	99%	100%	100%	102%	104%	105%	105%	102%	102%	
	MS Enrollment	1984	1987	2000	2035	2072	2088	2099	2035	2035	
	ES Utilization	89%	85%	84%	83%	84%	84%	85%			
ES Enrollment	3292	3172	3120	3102	3136	3116	3164				

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2023-2024								2022-2023
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Clarksburg HS	2215	5.2%	28.4%	24.4%	27.1%	14.5%	36.3%	9.3%	12.4%
Hallie Wells MS	943	4.5%	19.9%	45.5%	11.2%	18.8%	17.6%	4.1%	5.8%
Rocky Hill MS	1041	6.6%	27.9%	19.7%	34.4%	11.1%	44.4%	15.8%	10.8%
Clarksburg ES	448	6.9%	31.3%	32.6%	17.0%	12.1%	30.8%	15.2%	17.9%
Captain James E. Daly ES	502	3.2%	32.1%	5.0%	54.2%	5.0%	58.0%	44.4%	25.1%
Fox Chapel ES	598	3.0%	24.6%	16.4%	47.0%	8.5%	58.4%	33.4%	20.4%
Little Bennett ES	609	4.9%	26.9%	30.9%	14.9%	21.7%	26.8%	15.8%	13.3%
Snowden Farm ES	614	4.9%	19.2%	47.9%	11.2%	16.1%	16.1%	11.4%	8.2%
Wilson Wims ES	521	6.0%	25.1%	36.1%	12.9%	18.8%	16.9%	7.3%	8.6%
Elementary Cluster Total	3292	4.7%	26.2%	28.5%	26.0%	13.9%	34.3%	21.1%	15.3%
Elementary County Total	72103	5.5%	21.4%	13.2%	36.1%	23.4%	40.3%	25.5%	17.5%
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 2023–2024 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2023–2024 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2022–2023 school year compared to average daily 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 2023–2024)

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	ELD @15	METS @15	OTHER	Quad Cluster Based				County & Regional Based												
																ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	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	
Clarksburg HS	9-12	2021	93		87								2									4										
Rocky Hill MS	6-8	1012	48		47								1																			
Hallie Wells MS	6-8	982	48		45																	3										
Clarksburg ES	K-5	365	19	3		13						3																				
Captain James E. Daly ES	PreK-5	558	32	5		14	8	1			4																					
Fox Chapel ES	PreK-5	665	35	4		17	8		1		5																					
Little Bennett ES	K-5	643	34	3		21						5						5														
Snowden Farm ES	K-5	762	38	3		28						4											3									
Wilson Wims ES	K-5	722	37	3		26						4																		3		1

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2023–2024

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		14	
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		5	
Captain James E. Daly ES	1989		78,386	10	Yes	2	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.