

# 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: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/)

## SCHOOLS

### Clarksburg High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

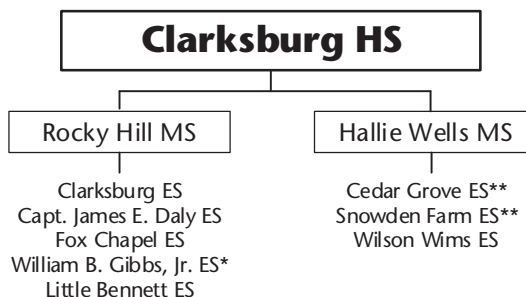
### Crown High School

**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 FY 2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY 2024 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 FY 2025–2030 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. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding and to build out the outside structure of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP was approved to complete Phase II, the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and upgrade site amenities. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

## Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

### 2024–2025 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 V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

**Rocky Hill Middle School**

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

**Hallie Wells Middle School**

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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

**Approved**—Project has an approved FY 2026 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 Amended CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools			Official	Projections							
			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	2034	2039
Clarksburg HS		Program Capacity	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
		Enrollment	2242	2226	2233	2258	2261	2272	2306	2340	2340
		Available Space	(222)	(206)	(213)	(238)	(241)	(252)	(286)	(320)	(320)
		Comments	See Text								
Crown HS		Program Capacity				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Enrollment				0	0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Comments	See Text			Opens					
Rocky Hill MS		Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
		Enrollment	1010	1008	1030	1039	1042	1043	1025	1050	1050
		Available Space	10	12	(10)	(19)	(22)	(23)	(5)	(30)	(30)
		Comments	See Text								
Hallie Wells MS		Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982
		Enrollment	931	925	915	948	950	952	935	950	950
		Available Space	51	57	67	34	32	30	47	32	32
		Comments	See Text								
Clarksburg ES		Program Capacity	365	365	365	365	365	365	365		
		Enrollment	365	366	385	395	403	417	417		
		Available Space	0	(1)	(20)	(30)	(38)	(52)	(52)		
		Comments									
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	CSR	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
		Enrollment	472	453	456	461	455	454	452		
		Available Space	86	105	102	97	103	104	106		
		Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	CSR	Program Capacity	665	665	665	665	665	665	665		
		Enrollment	617	610	626	621	626	635	636		
		Available Space	48	55	39	44	39	30	29		
		Comments									
Little Bennett ES		Program Capacity	630	630	630	630	630	630	630		
		Enrollment	614	590	576	585	581	588	586		
		Available Space	16	40	54	45	49	42	44		
		Comments									
Snowden Farm ES		Program Capacity	763	763	763	763	763	763	763		
		Enrollment	578	528	474	438	428	428	434		
		Available Space	185	235	289	325	335	335	329		
		Comments									
Wilson Wims ES		Program Capacity	717	717	717	717	717	717	717		
		Enrollment	484	482	474	462	450	458	458		
		Available Space	233	235	243	255	267	259	259		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	111%	110%	111%	112%	112%	112%	114%	116%	116%
		HS Enrollment	2242	2226	2233	2258	2261	2272	2306	2340	2340
		MS Utilization	97%	97%	97%	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
		MS Enrollment	1941	1933	1945	1987	1992	1995	1960	2000	2000
		ES Utilization	85%	82%	81%	80%	80%	81%	81%		
		ES Enrollment	3130	3029	2991	2962	2943	2980	2983		

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## Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2024-2025								2023-2024
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Clarksburg HS	2242	4.6%	27.9%	25.6%	27.4%	14.0%	36.8%	10.9%	11.7%
Rocky Hill MS	1010	5.7%	29.0%	19.3%	35.7%	9.6%	45.6%	16.7%	12.7%
Hallie Wells MS	931	5.2%	20.1%	43.8%	12.4%	18.3%	18.5%	4.1%	7.7%
Clarksburg ES	365	7.1%	32.1%	31.5%	17.5%	11.5%	35.1%	18.6%	21.7%
Capt. James E. Daly Jr. ES	472	3.0%	28.0%	5.3%	57.6%	5.5%	57.6%	43.2%	24.6%
Fox Chapel ES	617	3.6%	24.3%	13.8%	46.7%	11.2%	61.1%	32.9%	27.1%
Little Bennett ES	614	4.4%	25.1%	32.7%	16.1%	21.3%	29.3%	14.8%	13.0%
Snowden Farm ES	578	5.2%	20.6%	47.2%	11.9%	15.1%	20.8%	11.2%	16.6%
Wilson Wims ES	484	6.4%	22.5%	37.4%	13.8%	19.0%	19.0%	8.3%	13.7%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>3130</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>71259</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

\*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2024–2025 school year.

\*\*Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2024–2025 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

\*\*\*Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2023–2024 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 2024–2025)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2024–2025)																Special Education Services																
																Quad Cluster Based				County & Regional Based												
																				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
Schools	Clarksburg HS	9-12	2021	93		87							2												4							
	Rocky Hill MS	6-8	1020	48		48																										
	Hallie Wells MS	6-8	982	48		45																		3								
	Clarksburg ES	K-5	365	19	3		13					3																				
	Capt. James E. Daly Jr. ES	PreK-5	558	32	5		14	8	1			4																				
	Fox Chapel ES	PreK-5	665	35	4		17	9		1		4																				
	Little Bennett ES	K-5	630	34	3		20						5				6															
	Snowden Farm ES	K-5	763	38	3		29					3												3								
	Wilson Wims ES	K-5	717	37	3		25					4																	3		2	

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2024–2025

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		13	
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	
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. 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.