

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes the following adopted sector plans- Bethesda Downtown, adopted 2017 and Greater Lyttons ville, adopted 2017. A brief description of each is below. 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.

- Montgomery Planning is currently undertaking the Friendship Heights Sector Plan working draft update. The working draft will be presented to the Planning Board during summer 2026 followed by transmission to the County Council in fall 2026.
- The Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan will provide additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments. There are currently seven approved residential or mixed-use developments in the pipeline which include 4,853 mainly high-rise dwelling units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/bethesda-downtown-plan/>.
- The Greater Lyttons ville Plan includes up to 3,749 new multifamily high-rise housing units and 132 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/greater-lyttons ville/>.

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 replacement.

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

SCHOOLS

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Charles W. Woodward High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Silver Creek Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Westland Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

B-CC Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

Silver Creek MS

Chevy Chase ES
North Chevy Chase ES
Rock Creek Forest ES*
Rosemary Hills ES

Westland MS

Bethesda ES
Rock Creek Forest ES**
Somerset ES
Westbrook ES

* non-Spanish Immersion

** Spanish Immersion

See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Adopted FY2027 Capital Budget and the FY2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program

Schools			Official	Projections							
			25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2035	2040
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS		Program Capacity	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475
		Enrollment	2288	2255	2203	2223	2229	2238	2224	2250	2250
		Available Space	187	220	272	252	246	237	251	225	225
		Comments	See Text								
Silver Creek MS		Program Capacity	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915
		Enrollment	731	724	765	775	772	748	733	735	735
		Available Space	184	191	150	140	143	167	182	180	180
		Comments	See Text								
Westland MS		Program Capacity	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064
		Enrollment	841	866	797	771	767	743	726	730	730
		Available Space	223	198	267	293	297	321	338	334	334
		Comments	See Text								
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5)		Program Capacity	560	560	560	560	560	560	560		
		Enrollment	597	615	605	593	595	592	585		
		Available Space	(37)	(55)	(45)	(33)	(35)	(32)	(25)		
		Comments									
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES		Program Capacity	483	483	483	483	483	483	483		
		Enrollment	465	466	466	467	467	467	467		
		Available Space	18	17	17	16	16	16	16		
		Comments									
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES		Program Capacity	391	391	391	391	391	391	391		
		Enrollment	211	203	203	217	217	217	217		
		Available Space	180	188	188	174	174	174	174		
		Comments									
Rock Creek Forest ES		Program Capacity	771	771	771	771	771	771	771		
		Enrollment	708	702	708	702	688	683	684		
		Available Space	63	69	63	69	83	88	87		
		Comments									
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	CSR	Program Capacity	524	524	524	524	524	524	524		
		Enrollment	470	459	464	463	456	445	444		
		Available Space	54	65	60	61	68	79	80		
		Comments									
Somerset ES		Program Capacity	550	550	550	550	550	550	550		
		Enrollment	312	321	314	318	309	315	307		
		Available Space	238	229	236	232	241	235	243		
		Comments									
Westbrook ES		Program Capacity	648	648	648	648	648	648	648		
		Enrollment	462	465	444	445	443	443	430		
		Available Space	186	183	204	203	205	205	218		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	92%	91%	89%	90%	90%	90%	90%	91%	91%
		HS Enrollment	2288	2255	2203	2223	2229	2238	2224	2250	2250
		MS Utilization	79%	80%	79%	78%	78%	75%	74%	74%	74%
		MS Enrollment	1572	1590	1562	1546	1539	1491	1459	1465	1465
		ES Utilization	82%	82%	82%	82%	81%	81%	80%		
		ES Enrollment	3225	3231	3204	3205	3175	3162	3134		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2025-2026								2024-2025
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%*	Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	2288	6.1%	19.2%	8.2%	20.8%	45.4%	24.1%	10.6%	11.0%
Silver Creek MS	731	6.8%	28.6%	7.0%	18.9%	38.7%	34.7%	13.0%	12.8%
Westland MS	841	6.5%	15.1%	13.6%	20.8%	43.6%	18.7%	10.1%	10.2%
Bethesda ES	597	8.7%	19.4%	23.8%	14.7%	33.3%	29.8%	24.0%	27.8%
Chevy Chase ES	465	6.9%	29.0%	8.4%	13.3%	41.7%	34.0%	13.8%	9.3%
North Chevy Chase ES	211	6.2%	21.3%	8.5%	15.6%	48.3%	23.7%	11.4%	8.3%
Rock Creek Forest ES	708	6.2%	21.0%	8.2%	37.3%	27.0%	36.4%	20.6%	13.6%
Rosemary Hills ES	470	3.2%	30.6%	5.5%	17.7%	41.9%	37.4%	15.1%	18.5%
Somerset ES	312	9.3%	11.5%	13.5%	15.7%	50.0%	21.2%	17.6%	17.5%
Westbrook ES	462	8.7%	5.8%	9.5%	17.1%	58.9%	11.7%	11.3%	15.5%
Elementary Cluster Total	3225	7.0%	20.2%	11.4%	20.4%	40.7%	29.1%	17.2%	14.1%
Elementary County Total	69536	6.0%	21.5%	12.9%	36.3%	23.0%	40.3%	24.7%	14.6%

*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 2024–2025 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 2025–2026)

Special Education Services																															
Quad Cluster Based																County & Regional Based															
Office	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	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	2e @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	915	46		42																										
Westland MS	6-8	1064	52		49																										
Bethesda ES	K-5	560	29	3		20						4							2												
Chevy Chase ES	3-5	483	24	3		21																									
North Chevy Chase ES	3-5	391	21	3		17									1																
Rock Creek Forest ES	K-5	771	40	3		27		1				4																			
Rosemary Hills ES	PreK-2	524	36	4		2	15		1		7																				
Somerset ES	K-5	550	27	3		22						2																			
Westbrook ES	K-5	648	33	3		24						3																			

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2025–2026

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.36			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.3			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,421	7.93		6	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.78			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	7.96			
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	87,298	6.07			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.46	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.