

WINSTON CHURCHILL CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

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 included 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 included 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 were 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 Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. In the Adopted FY 2027–2032 CIP the completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. On March 26, 2026 the Board of Education approved the boundaries with an implementation timeline beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Based on declining enrollment a 27th high school is not needed to open at this time and the decision was that Thomas S. Wootton High School will be relocated to the Crown Farm facility site. Information regarding this 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.

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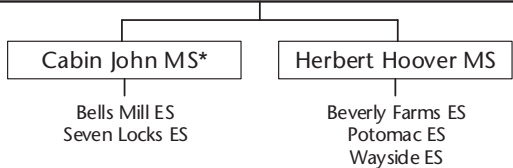
Winston Churchill High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Winston Churchill Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

Winston Churchill High School



* Cold Spring ES and Stone Mill ES also articulate to Cabin John MS and thereafter to Thomas S. Wootton HS.
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
Winston Churchill HS		Program Capacity	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936
		Enrollment	2165	2114	2159	2157	2171	2179	2180	2200	2200
		Available Space	(229)	(178)	(223)	(221)	(235)	(243)	(244)	(264)	(264)
		Comments	See Text								
Cabin John MS		Program Capacity	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108
		Enrollment	1021	1000	1059	1034	1021	997	982	975	975
		Available Space	87	108	49	74	87	111	126	133	133
		Comments	See Text								
Herbert Hoover MS		Program Capacity	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118
		Enrollment	959	966	1104	1097	1082	1025	1013	1015	1015
		Available Space	159	152	14	21	36	93	105	103	103
		Comments	See Text								
Bells Mill ES		Program Capacity	627	627	627	627	627	627	627		
		Enrollment	540	548	524	503	499	494	488		
		Available Space	87	79	103	124	128	133	139		
		Comments									
Beverly Farms ES		Program Capacity	732	732	732	732	732	732	732		
		Enrollment	550	551	516	501	501	497	486		
		Available Space	182	181	216	231	231	235	246		
		Comments									
Potomac ES		Program Capacity	480	480	480	480	480	480	480		
		Enrollment	454	444	450	441	441	435	433		
		Available Space	26	36	30	39	39	45	47		
		Comments									
Seven Locks ES		Program Capacity	457	457	457	457	457	457	457		
		Enrollment	370	376	371	374	376	363	363		
		Available Space	87	81	86	83	81	94	94		
		Comments									
Wayside ES		Program Capacity	623	623	623	623	623	623	623		
		Enrollment	453	484	477	496	490	489	483		
		Available Space	170	139	146	127	133	134	140		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	112%	109%	112%	111%	112%	113%	113%	114%	114%
		HS Enrollment	2165	2114	2159	2157	2171	2179	2180	2200	2200
		MS Utilization	89%	88%	97%	96%	94%	91%	90%	89%	89%
		MS Enrollment	1980	1966	2163	2131	2103	2022	1995	1990	1990
		ES Utilization	81%	82%	80%	79%	79%	78%	77%		
		ES Enrollment	2367	2403	2338	2315	2307	2278	2253		

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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%***
Winston Churchill HS	2165	7.0%	11.8%	32.2%	9.7%	39.2%	10.5%	3.5%	4.6%
Cabin John MS	1021	7.1%	13.0%	32.9%	9.8%	37.0%	13.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Herbert Hoover MS	959	8.6%	9.7%	39.1%	7.9%	34.5%	12.5%	3.9%	5.1%
Bells Mill ES	540	8.0%	11.7%	26.9%	9.1%	43.9%	11.7%	7.8%	8.0%
Beverly Farms ES	550	9.1%	8.9%	30.0%	7.1%	44.4%	7.6%	9.3%	5.8%
Potomac ES	454	11.5%	9.7%	31.3%	7.9%	39.6%	8.4%	8.6%	7.6%
Seven Locks ES	370	8.9%	9.7%	18.9%	11.6%	50.0%	8.4%	3.5%	9.2%
Wayside ES	453	8.4%	8.8%	37.1%	10.2%	35.5%	9.5%	7.7%	8.0%
Elementary Cluster Total	2367	9.1%	9.8%	29.2%	9.0%	42.5%	9.2%	7.6%	6.4%
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)

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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
Winston Churchill HS	1964	2001	322,078	30.28		4	
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Herbert Hoover MS	1966	2013	165,367	19.1			
Bells Mill ES	1968	2009	77,244	9.59			
Beverly Farms ES	1965	2013	98,916	4.98	Yes		
Potomac ES	1949	2020	86,550	9.02			
Seven Locks ES	1964	2012	66,915	9.9			
Wayside ES	1969	2017	93,453	9.26			

**See Appendix H for relocatable use.*