

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.

The approved and adopted 2026 Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan adds capacity for more than 4,000 new residential units if the maximum allowable residential density of recommended zones is realized across all properties in the plan area.

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 link: <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 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 27-32 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.

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Rocky Hill Middle School

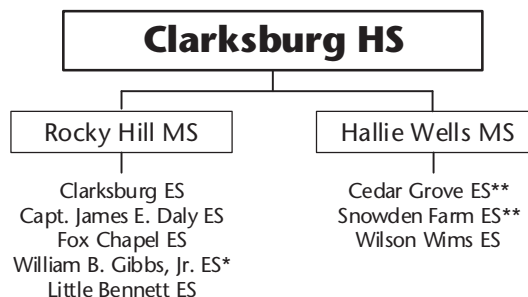
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Hallie Wells Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 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.

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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
Clarksburg HS		Program Capacity	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
		Enrollment	2218	2197	2141	2151	2167	2158	1818	1820	1820
		Available Space	(198)	(177)	(121)	(131)	(147)	(138)	202	200	200
		Comments	See Text								
Rocky Hill MS		Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
		Enrollment	999	1037	816	834	831	824	775	775	775
		Available Space	21	(17)	204	186	189	196	245	245	245
		Comments	See Text								
Hallie Wells MS		Program Capacity	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969
		Enrollment	901	862	898	886	866	830	813	820	820
		Available Space	68	107	71	83	103	139	156	149	149
		Comments	See Text								
Clarksburg ES		Program Capacity	357	357	357	357	357	357	357		
		Enrollment	344	365	362	355	346	331	338		
		Available Space	13	(8)	(5)	2	11	26	19		
		Comments									
Capt. James E. Daly, Jr. ES	CSR	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
		Enrollment	463	459	443	437	432	426	423		
		Available Space	95	99	115	121	126	132	135		
		Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	CSR	Program Capacity	632	632	632	632	632	632	632		
		Enrollment	590	601	581	580	573	556	546		
		Available Space	42	31	51	52	59	76	86		
		Comments									
Little Bennett ES		Program Capacity	618	618	618	618	618	618	618		
		Enrollment	571	553	560	544	539	528	522		
		Available Space	47	65	58	74	79	90	96		
		Comments									
Snowden Farm ES		Program Capacity	763	763	763	763	763	763	763		
		Enrollment	538	503	466	451	442	435	439		
		Available Space	225	260	297	312	321	328	324		
		Comments									
Wilson Wims ES		Program Capacity	712	712	712	712	712	712	712		
		Enrollment	474	461	454	441	450	442	451		
		Available Space	238	251	258	271	262	270	261		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	110%	109%	106%	106%	107%	107%	90%	90%	90%
		HS Enrollment	2218	2197	2141	2151	2167	2158	1818	1820	1820
		MS Utilization	96%	95%	86%	86%	85%	83%	80%	80%	80%
		MS Enrollment	1900	1899	1714	1720	1697	1654	1588	1595	1595
		ES Utilization	82%	81%	79%	77%	76%	75%	75%		
		ES Enrollment	2980	2942	2866	2808	2782	2718	2719		

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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
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.