

NORTHWEST CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

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. The pace of construction will be market driven. 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 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.

SCHOOLS

Northwest High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

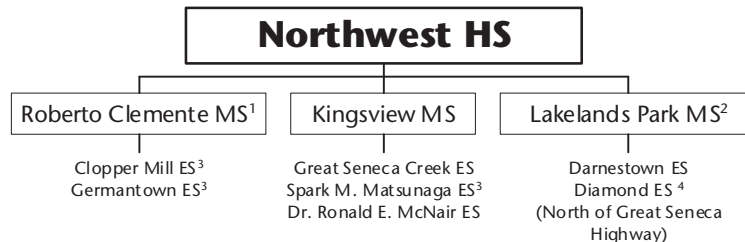
Kingsview Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Lakelands Park Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Northwest Cluster Articulation 2025–2026 School Year



¹S. Christa McAuliffe ES and a portion of Sally K. Ride ES also articulate to Roberto Clemente MS, but thereafter articulate to Seneca Valley HS.

²Brown Station ES and Rachel Carson ES also articulate to Lakelands Park MS but thereafter articulate to Quince Orchard HS.

³A portion of Clopper Mill ES, Germantown ES, and Spark M. Matsunaga also articulate to Seneca Valley HS.

⁴Diamond ES (south of Great Seneca Highway) also articulates to Ridgeview MS and Quince Orchard 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
Northwest HS		Program Capacity	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268
		Enrollment	2208	2162	2387	2367	2219	2175	2121	2150	2150
		Available Space	60	106	(119)	(99)	49	93	147	118	118
		Comments	See Text								
Roberto W. Clemente MS		Program Capacity	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141	1141
		Enrollment	909	920	1042	1046	1055	1023	989	995	995
		Available Space	232	221	99	95	86	118	152	146	146
		Comments	See Text								
Kingsview MS		Program Capacity	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
		Enrollment	869	889	1075	1046	1030	989	965	975	975
		Available Space	164	144	(42)	(13)	3	44	68	58	58
		Comments	See Text								
Lakelands Park MS		Program Capacity	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122
		Enrollment	992	1011	652	679	652	621	613	625	625
		Available Space	130	111	470	443	470	501	509	497	497
		Comments	See Text								
Clopper Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	472	472	472	472	472	472	472		
		Enrollment	440	434	438	447	441	434	428		
		Available Space	32	38	34	25	31	38	44		
		Comments									
Darnestown ES		Program Capacity	387	387	387	387	387	387	387		
		Enrollment	338	323	325	317	310	308	314		
		Available Space	49	64	62	70	77	79	73		
		Comments									
Diamond ES		Program Capacity	650	650	650	650	650	650	650		
		Enrollment	659	637	645	629	631	612	610		
		Available Space	(9)	13	5	21	19	38	40		
		Comments									
Germantown ES	CSR	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
		Enrollment	316	321	314	317	315	315	318		
		Available Space	(37)	(42)	(35)	(38)	(36)	(36)	(39)		
		Comments									
Great Seneca Creek ES	CSR	Program Capacity	591	591	591	591	591	591	591		
		Enrollment	464	463	456	441	441	434	432		
		Available Space	127	128	135	150	150	157	159		
		Comments									
Spark M. Matsunaga ES		Program Capacity	602	602	602	602	602	602	602		
		Enrollment	502	498	486	475	461	463	461		
		Available Space	100	104	116	127	141	139	141		
		Comments									
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES		Program Capacity	799	799	799	799	799	799	799		
		Enrollment	639	607	591	578	556	545	553		
		Available Space	160	192	208	221	243	254	246		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	97%	95%	105%	104%	98%	96%	94%	95%	95%
		HS Enrollment	2208	2162	2387	2367	2219	2175	2121	2150	2150
		MS Utilization	84%	86%	84%	84%	83%	80%	78%	79%	79%
		MS Enrollment	2770	2820	2769	2771	2737	2633	2567	2595	2595
		ES Utilization	89%	87%	86%	85%	83%	82%	82%		
		ES Enrollment	3358	3283	3255	3204	3155	3111	3116		

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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%***
Northwest HS	2208	5.4%	27.2%	21.4%	26.6%	19.2%	34.7%	10.6%	10.5%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	909	4.2%	32.0%	16.3%	38.2%	8.9%	52.0%	16.8%	13.7%
Kingsview MS	869	5.5%	28.3%	25.4%	22.0%	18.6%	31.6%	10.7%	8.8%
Lakelands Park MS	992	4.5%	12.8%	19.0%	29.9%	33.6%	30.5%	14.5%	11.7%
Clopper Mill ES	440	3.9%	31.4%	8.0%	48.9%	8.0%	57.7%	30.5%	29.9%
Darnestown ES	338	8.6%	10.7%	18.0%	16.6%	45.9%	18.9%	10.4%	12.2%
Diamond ES	659	6.5%	8.8%	44.3%	15.6%	23.4%	12.9%	17.9%	29.2%
Germantown ES	316	4.7%	36.1%	19.6%	26.6%	12.0%	50.6%	13.9%	22.4%
Great Seneca Creek ES	464	7.5%	29.7%	10.8%	35.1%	16.2%	50.9%	22.2%	16.9%
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	502	9.0%	20.5%	36.5%	17.5%	16.1%	31.1%	16.3%	14.5%
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	639	9.1%	26.8%	26.9%	19.7%	17.2%	34.0%	11.0%	15.2%
Elementary Cluster Total	3358	7.2%	22.6%	25.5%	24.9%	19.3%	34.9%	17.5%	16.4%
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)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2025–2026)																	Special Education Services																
																	Quad Cluster Based			County & Regional Based													
Schools	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		
Northwest HS	9-12	2268	104		98								2											4									
Roberto W. Clemente MS	6-8	1141	60		50								1					4			4					1							
Kingsview MS	6-8	1033	49		48								1																				
Lakelands Park MS	6-8	1122	57		51								1						2						3								
Clopper Mill ES	HS-5	472	29	5		8	8	2		1	4																			1			
Darnestown ES	K-5	387	25	3		11						2				9																	
Diamond ES	K-5	650	35	3		22		1				4									3							1	1				
Germantown ES	K-5	279	22	4		3	6				2							4										1		2			
Great Seneca Creek ES	K-5	591	34	4		15	8				4												3										
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	K-5	602	34	3		22						3			1						5												
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	PreK-5	799	38	3		31		1				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
Northwest HS	1998		342,101	34.56	Yes	11	
Roberto W. Clemente MS	1992		148,246	19.87			
Kingsview MS	1997		140,398	18.45	Yes		
Lakelands Park MS	2005		153,588	8.11	Yes		
Clopper Mill ES	1986		64,851	9	Yes	6	
Darnestown ES	1954	1980	64,840	7.2			
Diamond ES	1975		85,404	10	Yes		
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		4	
Great Seneca Creek ES	2006		82,511	13.71			
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	2001		90,718	11.8			
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	1990		91,613	10	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

** Spark M. Matsunaga ES is colocated with Longview School