

QUINCE ORCHARD 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.

SCHOOLS

Quince Orchard High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Lakelands Park Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Ridgeview Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues

Quince Orchard Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

Quince Orchard High School

Lakelands Park MS*

Brown Station ES
Rachel Carson ES

Ridgeview MS

Diamond ES*
(south of Great Seneca Highway)
Fields Road ES
Jones Lane ES
Thurgood Marshall ES

* Diamond ES (north of Great Seneca Highway) and Damestown ES also articulate to Lakelands Park MS, but thereafter to Northwest 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
Quince Orchard HS		Program Capacity	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783	1783
		Enrollment	1985	1934	1702	1646	1644	1695	1704	1750	1750
		Available Space	(202)	(151)	81	137	139	88	79	33	33
		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								
Ridgeview MS		Program Capacity	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955
		Enrollment	684	724	479	448	450	429	416	425	425
		Available Space	271	231	476	507	505	526	539	530	530
		Comments	See Text								
Brown Station ES	CSR	Program Capacity	725	725	725	725	725	725	725		
		Enrollment	559	556	549	539	534	527	532		
		Available Space	166	169	176	186	191	198	193		
		Comments									
Rachel Carson ES		Program Capacity	726	726	726	726	726	726	726		
		Enrollment	644	631	615	596	619	616	602		
		Available Space	82	95	111	130	107	110	124		
		Comments									
Fields Road ES	CSR	Program Capacity	455	455	455	455	455	455	455		
		Enrollment	440	434	434	429	426	413	411		
		Available Space	15	21	21	26	29	42	44		
		Comments									
Jones Lane ES		Program Capacity	510	510	510	510	510	510	510		
		Enrollment	430	427	383	381	386	386	375		
		Available Space	80	83	127	129	124	124	135		
		Comments									
Thurgood Marshall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	489	489	489	489	489	489	489		
		Enrollment	485	474	464	451	446	450	454		
		Available Space	4	15	25	38	43	39	35		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	111%	108%	95%	92%	92%	95%	96%	98%	98%
		HS Enrollment	1985	1934	1702	1646	1644	1695	1704	1750	1750
		MS Utilization	81%	84%	54%	54%	53%	51%	50%	51%	51%
		MS Enrollment	1676	1735	1131	1127	1102	1050	1029	1050	1050
		ES Utilization	88%	87%	84%	82%	83%	82%	82%		
		ES Enrollment	2558	2522	2445	2396	2411	2392	2374		

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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%***
Quince Orchard HS	1985	5.4%	15.9%	11.6%	35.3%	31.6%	34.8%	17.6%	12.5%
Lakelands Park MS	992	4.5%	12.8%	19.0%	29.9%	33.6%	30.5%	14.5%	11.7%
Ridgeview MS	684	5.8%	17.8%	10.7%	32.6%	32.9%	40.4%	15.4%	11.3%
Brown Station ES	559	2.9%	14.3%	7.2%	68.7%	6.8%	57.6%	45.4%	30.1%
Rachel Carson ES	644	7.6%	9.3%	14.0%	22.5%	46.6%	25.6%	15.8%	10.2%
Fields Road ES	440	6.4%	16.4%	13.4%	41.6%	21.8%	50.0%	26.6%	23.5%
Jones Lane ES	430	5.8%	9.1%	13.0%	32.1%	40.0%	32.1%	21.9%	13.4%
Thurgood Marshall ES	485	3.1%	23.9%	10.7%	31.1%	30.7%	42.9%	19.6%	21.4%
Elementary Cluster Total	2558	5.2%	14.3%	11.6%	39.1%	29.5%	41.2%	25.9%	15.1%
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)

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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
Quince Orchard HS	1988		284,912	30.1		15	
Lakelands Park MS	2005		153,588	8.11	Yes		
Ridgeview MS	1975		145,168	20			
Brown Station ES	1969	2017	113,998	9	Yes	2	
Rachel Carson ES	1990		78,547	12.4			
Fields Road ES	1973		72,302	10		4	
Jones Lane ES	1987		60,679	12.07			
Thurgood Marshall ES	1993		77,798	12		5	

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.