

WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Walter Johnson Cluster has experienced considerable enrollment growth in the past eight years, primarily driven by the turnover of homes to younger families. New development in the cluster also has played a role, although by a significantly smaller amount than demographic changes in existing communities.

The cluster also will see substantial amounts of new housing associated with the following land-use plans: Rock Spring Master Plan, White Flint 2 Sector Plan, and Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan.

Planning 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.

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 addition and facility upgrades.

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

SCHOOLS

Walter Johnson High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Charles W. Woodward High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

North Bethesda Middle School

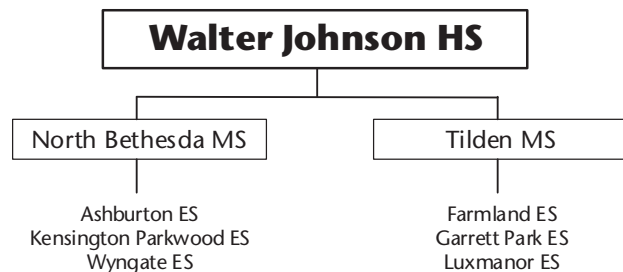
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Tilden Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Walter Johnson Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year



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
Walter Johnson HS		Program Capacity	2251	2251	2251	2251	2251	2251	2251	2251	2251
		Enrollment	3011	2981	2381	2102	1796	1809	1750	1850	1850
		Available Space	(760)	(730)	(130)	149	455	442	501	401	401
		Comments	See Text								
North Bethesda MS		Program Capacity	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187	1187
		Enrollment	1229	1244	1186	1175	1160	1118	1090	1090	1090
		Available Space	(42)	(57)	1	12	27	69	97	97	97
		Comments	See Text								
Tilden MS		Program Capacity	1251	1251	1251	1251	1251	1251	1251	1251	1251
		Enrollment	1109	1138	1214	1186	1187	1153	1134	1140	1140
		Available Space	142	113	37	65	64	98	117	111	111
		Comments	See Text								
Ashburton ES		Program Capacity	823	823	823	823	823	823	823		
		Enrollment	818	827	817	866	853	848	842		
		Available Space	5	(4)	6	(43)	(30)	(25)	(19)		
		Comments									
Farmland ES		Program Capacity	725	725	725	725	725	725	725		
		Enrollment	825	821	820	788	788	780	781		
		Available Space	(100)	(96)	(95)	(63)	(63)	(55)	(56)		
		Comments									
Garrett Park ES		Program Capacity	774	774	774	774	774	774	774		
		Enrollment	761	806	804	804	798	797	779		
		Available Space	13	(32)	(30)	(30)	(24)	(23)	(5)		
		Comments									
Kensington–Parkwood ES		Program Capacity	819	819	819	819	819	819	819		
		Enrollment	533	532	520	522	521	504	499		
		Available Space	286	287	299	297	298	315	320		
		Comments									
Luxmanor ES		Program Capacity	739	739	739	739	739	739	739		
		Enrollment	644	689	676	650	639	643	642		
		Available Space	95	50	63	89	100	96	97		
		Comments									
Wyngate ES		Program Capacity	801	801	801	801	801	801	801		
		Enrollment	629	622	617	601	595	595	582		
		Available Space	172	179	184	200	206	206	219		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	134%	132%	106%	93%	80%	80%	78%	82%	82%
		HS Enrollment	3011	2981	2381	2102	1796	1809	1750	1850	1850
		MS Utilization	96%	98%	98%	97%	96%	93%	91%	91%	91%
		MS Enrollment	2338	2382	2400	2361	2347	2271	2224	2230	2230
		ES Utilization	90%	92%	91%	90%	90%	89%	88%		
		ES Enrollment	4210	4297	4254	4231	4194	4167	4125		

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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%***
Walter Johnson HS	3011	6.7%	16.5%	13.6%	18.9%	43.9%	19.3%	8.4%	8.0%
North Bethesda MS	1229	8.9%	12.4%	14.2%	19.1%	45.4%	15.7%	7.2%	7.0%
Tilden MS	1109	6.8%	16.5%	17.2%	20.2%	39.1%	24.2%	15.5%	12.6%
Ashburton ES	818	8.8%	20.8%	17.4%	17.6%	35.2%	24.3%	15.8%	20.1%
Farmland ES	825	6.7%	11.4%	28.1%	14.8%	38.4%	22.3%	27.6%	18.5%
Garrett Park ES	761	8.1%	15.6%	18.1%	20.1%	37.5%	26.5%	21.6%	18.6%
Kensington-Parkwood ES	533	7.9%	10.3%	9.0%	15.6%	57.2%	11.6%	10.1%	10.2%
Luxmanor ES	644	7.5%	16.8%	17.9%	28.9%	28.9%	30.0%	23.0%	16.2%
Wyngate ES	629	11.0%	4.6%	13.8%	14.0%	56.6%	3.2%	6.2%	5.5%
Elementary Cluster Total	4210	8.3%	13.7%	18.1%	18.4%	41.3%	20.4%	18.1%	13.1%
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)

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
Walter Johnson HS	9-12	2251	106		96							2					4			3					1						
North Bethesda MS	6-8	1187	59		54							1								3					1						
Tilden MS	6-8	1251	63		56							2					3			2											
Ashburton ES	K-5	823	39	3		31						5																			
Farmland ES	K-5	725	37	3		25						5					4														
Garrett Park ES	K-5	774	37	3		28		1				5																			
Kensington-Parkwood ES	K-5	819	41	3		31						4								3											
Luxmanor ES	K-5	739	39	3		24						4	1				3											1	3		
Wyngate ES	K-5	801	38	3		31						4																			

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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
Walter Johnson HS	1956	2009	365,138	30.86		19	
North Bethesda MS	1955	1999	178,252	19.11			
Tilden MS	1967	2020	244,561	19.67			
Ashburton ES	1957	1993	91,178	8.3		8	
Farmland ES	1963	2011	89,988	4.75	Yes	4	
Garrett Park ES	1948	2012	96,348	4.38	Yes		
Kensington-Parkwood ES	1952	2006	102,382	9.86			
Luxmanor ES	1966	2020	99,376	6.49	Yes		
Wyngate ES	1952	1997	89,104	9.5			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

**Tilden MS is colocated with Rock Terrace School