

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 106 -2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting the School Capacity Chart

Title: A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy and requiring a certain joint special work meeting in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on _____, 2026.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Title 16, Subtitle 11 of the Howard County Code sets forth the
2 Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County (the “Act”); and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Section 16.1103(c) of the Act provides for a School Capacity Chart
5 that is consistent with the Housing Unit Allocation Chart and that indicates the elementary
6 school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools that are open
7 for new residential development and those that are constrained for new residential
8 development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program
9 capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Zoning has received the School
12 Capacity Chart, the basis of which is the assumptions used by the Board of Education in
13 predicting capacity utilization, such as school capacity, current enrollment, demographic
14 and growth trends, and the Housing Unit Allocation Chart, from the Board of Education
15 and has submitted it to the Council for adoption.

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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 16.1103(c) also provides that the School Capacity Chart shall
18 be accompanied by a report (the “Report”) that contains information related to capacities,
19 redistricting, any projected increases in enrollment and related reasons for the increase, and
20 information related to proposed redistricting or a capital improvement project’s impact on
21 a school’s “open” designation; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Report has been provided by the Howard County Public School
24 System to the Department of Planning and Zoning in accordance with Section 16.1103(c);
25 and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Report also serves the purpose of providing the notice required
28 by 16.1103(d) that a school or school region has reached 95 percent capacity utilization
29 and is projected to exceed 110 percent capacity utilization within five years and, as required
30 by Section 16.1103(d), the County Council shall hold a joint special work meeting in
31 accordance with Section 16.1103(d); and

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WHEREAS, Section 16.1103(c) further provides that the County Council shall adopt the School Capacity Chart by Resolution whenever the Council adopts or amends the Housing Unit Allocation Chart; and

WHEREAS, immediately preceding adoption of this Resolution, the County Council has adopted the Housing Unit Allocation Chart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2026 that the County Council adopts the School Capacity Chart, attached as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice has been provided in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code and a joint special work meeting shall be held.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - JUNE 2026 APFO School Capacity Chart

Capacity Utilization Rates with FY 2027 Board of Education's Requested Capital Budget Projects

Chart reflects 2025 EFMP Projections with the impact of the Board's approved SY 2026-27 boundaries.

	Capacity				2029-30		2030-31		2031-32		2032-33		2033-34		2034-35		2035-36		2036-37		2037-38		2038-39		
	2029	2030	2031	2032	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	
Columbia - East	2701	2701	2701	2701	2449	90.7	2457	91.0	2481	91.9	2497	92.4	2528	93.6	2545	94.2	2549	94.4	2535	93.9	2526	93.5	2517	93.2	
Cradlerock ES	398	398	398	398	350	87.9	353	88.7	350	87.9	346	86.9	349	87.7	349	87.7	349	87.7	348	87.4	346	86.9	344	86.4	
Jeffers Hill ES	377	377	377	377	329	87.3	332	88.1	333	88.3	331	87.8	330	87.5	332	88.1	332	88.1	331	87.8	331	87.8	331	87.8	
Phelps Luck ES	597	597	597	597	663	111.1	C	674	112.9	C	696	116.6	C	713	119.4	C	729	122.1	C	739	123.8	C	728	121.9	C
Stevens Forest ES	330	330	330	330	276	83.6	270	81.8	275	83.3	274	83.0	277	83.9	279	84.5	278	84.2	275	83.3	275	83.3	278	84.2	
Talbott Springs ES	490	490	490	490	398	81.2	392	80.0	393	80.2	397	81.0	405	82.7	410	83.7	414	84.5	416	84.9	419	85.5	420	85.7	
Thunder Hill ES	509	509	509	509	433	85.1	436	85.7	434	85.3	436	85.7	438	86.1	436	85.7	437	85.9	437	85.9	437	85.9	436	85.7	
Columbia - West	2352	2352	2352	2352	2110	89.7	2121	90.2	2137	90.9	2154	91.6	2172	92.3	2198	93.5	2215	94.2	2237	95.1	2248	95.6	2264	96.3	
Bryant Woods ES	289	289	289	289	248	85.8	252	87.2	263	91.0	271	93.8	282	97.6	292	101.0	298	103.1	304	105.2	C	305	105.5	C	
Clemens Crossing ES	521	521	521	521	454	87.1	458	87.9	455	87.3	456	87.5	455	87.3	457	87.7	457	87.7	458	87.9	462	88.7	468	89.8	
Longfellow ES	490	490	490	490	445	90.8	442	90.2	442	90.2	440	89.8	439	89.6	443	90.4	444	90.6	445	90.8	442	90.2	441	90.0	
Running Brook ES	449	449	449	449	400	89.1	407	90.6	419	93.3	431	96.0	442	98.4	453	100.9	464	103.3	479	106.7	C	489	108.9	C	
Swansfield ES	603	603	603	603	563	93.4	562	93.2	558	92.5	556	92.2	554	91.9	553	91.7	552	91.5	551	91.4	550	91.2	550	91.2	
Northeastern	6552	6552	6552	6552	6178	94.3	6230	95.1	6190	94.5	6185	94.4	6163	94.1	6142	93.7	6104	93.2	6061	92.5	6021	91.9	6006	91.7	
Bellows Spring ES	726	726	726	726	687	94.6	695	95.7	685	94.4	688	94.8	685	94.4	680	93.7	677	93.3	672	92.6	667	91.9	662	91.2	
Deep Run ES	719	719	719	719	622	86.5	632	87.9	612	85.1	606	84.3	595	82.8	597	83.0	599	83.3	600	83.4	596	82.9	591	82.2	
Ducketts Lane ES	650	650	650	650	539	82.9	543	83.5	536	82.5	529	81.4	523	80.5	524	80.6	523	80.5	522	80.3	519	79.8	518	79.7	
Elkridge ES	713	713	713	713	730	102.4	713	100.0	708	99.3	705	98.9	706	99.0	702	98.5	698	97.9	695	97.5	690	96.8	685	96.1	
Hanover Hills ES	810	810	810	810	824	101.7	828	102.2	832	102.7	835	103.1	833	102.8	829	102.3	816	100.7	802	99.0	798	98.5	798	98.5	
Ilchester ES	509	509	509	509	426	83.7	429	84.3	429	84.3	435	85.5	436	85.7	435	85.5	437	85.9	440	86.4	440	86.4	451	88.6	
Rockburn ES	609	609	609	609	555	91.1	565	92.8	566	92.9	570	93.6	572	93.9	575	94.4	575	94.4	576	94.6	578	94.9	581	95.4	
Veterans ES	799	799	799	799	789	98.7	787	98.5	771	96.5	758	94.9	758	94.9	763	95.5	765	95.7	771	96.5	771	96.5	771	96.5	
Waterloo ES	603	603	603	603	609	101.0	609	101.0	603	100.0	599	99.3	598	99.2	600	99.5	599	99.3	598	99.2	597	99.0	594	98.5	
Worthington ES	414	414	414	414	397	95.9	429	103.6	448	108.2	C	460	111.1	C	457	110.4	C	437	105.6	C	415	100.2	385	93.0	
Northern	4116	4116	4116	4116	4109	99.8	4101	99.6	4107	99.8	4106	99.8	4111	99.9	4117	100.0	4122	100.1	4132	100.4	4133	100.4	4128	100.3	
Centennial Lane ES	603	603	603	603	714	118.4	C	714	118.4	C	714	118.4	C	713	118.2	C	710	117.7	C	710	117.7	C	711	117.9	C
Hollifield Station ES	732	732	732	732	595	81.3	603	82.4	604	82.5	600	82.0	602	82.2	602	82.2	601	82.1	600	82.0	600	82.0	599	81.8	
Manor Woods ES	681	681	681	681	640	94.0	607	89.1	607	89.1	603	88.5	601	88.3	601	88.3	597	87.7	604	88.7	605	88.8	605	88.8	
Northfield ES	700	700	700	700	760	108.6	C	759	108.4	C	758	108.3	C	762	108.9	C	765	109.3	C	770	110.0	C	768	109.7	C
St Johns Lane ES	612	612	612	612	667	109.0	C	675	110.3	C	673	110.0	C	672	109.8	C	672	109.8	C	671	109.6	C	672	109.8	C
Waverly ES	788	788	788	788	733	93.0	743	94.3	751	95.3	759	96.3	764	97.0	767	97.3	772	98.0	776	98.5	778	98.7	776	98.5	
Southeastern	4101	4101	4437	4437	4049	98.7	4074	99.3	4117	92.8	4158	93.7	4225	95.2	4293	96.8	4334	97.7	4354	98.1	4364	98.4	4355	98.2	
Atholton ES	424	424	424	424	460	108.5	C	459	108.3	C	461	108.7	C	459	108.3	C	463	109.2	C	462	109.0	C	461	108.7	C
Bollman Bridge ES	609	609	609	609	754	123.8	C	776	127.4	C	804	132.0	C	833	136.8	C	859	141.1	C	885	145.3	C	897	147.3	C
Forest Ridge ES	647	647	647	647	565	87.3	584	90.3	609	94.1	622	96.1	647	100.0	669	103.4	681	105.3	C	687	106.2	C	689	106.5	C
Gorman Crossing ES	694	694	694	694	638	91.9	630	90.8	625	90.1	620	89.3	622	89.6	623	89.8	621	89.5	618	89.0	620	89.3	618	89.0	
Guilford ES	465	465	465	465	395	84.9	400	86.0	400	86.0	400	86.0	400	86.0	401	86.2	402	86.5	403	86.7	406	87.3	408	87.7	
Hammond ES	653	653	653	653	697	106.7	C	686	105.1	C	681	104.3	688	105.4	C	699	107.0	C	719	110.1	C	737	112.9	C	
Laurel Woods ES	609	609	609	609	540	88.7	539	88.5	537	88.2	536	88.0	535	87.8	534	87.7	535	87.8	533	87.5	533	87.5	533	87.5	
New ES #43	NS	0	0	336																					
Western	4998	4998	4998	4998	4562	91.3	4527	90.6	4504	90.1	4491	89.9	4507	90.2	4517	90.4	4525	90.5	4529	90.6	4533	90.7	4540	90.8	
Bushy Park ES	732	732	732	732	649	88.7	657	89.8	635	86.7	636	86.9	638	87.2	644	88.0	649	88.7	645	88.1	650	88.8	650	88.8	
Clarksville ES	543	543	543	543	510	93.9	522	96.1	519	95.6	521	95.9	523	96.3	523	96.3	527	97.1	527	97.1	527	97.1	528	97.2	
Dayton Oaks ES	754	754	754	754	578	76.7	579	76.8	576	76.4	574	76.1	581	77.1	586	77.7	590	78.2	594	78.8	594	78.8	597	79.2	
Fulton ES	700	700	700	700	663	94.7	645	92.1	657	93.9	650	92.9	651	93.0	652	93.1	650	92.9	646	92.3	646	92.3	645	92.1	
Lisbon ES	527	527	527	527	487	92.4	473	89.8	476	90.3	483	91.7	487	92.4	492	93.4	497	94.3	501	95.1	503	95.4	502	95.3	
Pointers Run ES	744	744	744	744	708	95.2	706	94.9	709	95.3	703	94.5	708	95.2	707	95.0	705	94.8	702	94.4	699	94.0	699	94.0	
Triadelphia Ridge ES	584	584	584	584	592	101.4	572	97.9	556	95.2	546	93.5	537	92.0	528	90.4	521	89.2	524	89.7	522	89.4	524	89.7	
West Friendship ES	414	414	414	414	375	90.6	373	90.1	376	90.8	378	91.3	382	92.3											

MIDDLE SCHOOLS - MAY 2026 APFO School Capacity Chart

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	2029	2030	2031	2032	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	
Bonnie Branch MS	701	701	701	701	713	101.7	716	102.1	702	100.1	706	100.7	700	99.9	696	99.3	704	100.4	723	103.1	745	106.3	758	108.1	
Burleigh Manor MS	721	721	721	721	771	106.9	789	109.4	781	108.3	772	107.1	756	104.9	758	105.1	756	104.9	757	105.0	757	105.0	753	104.4	
Clarksville MS	643	643	643	643	656	102.0	644	100.2	627	97.5	615	95.6	613	95.3	614	95.5	614	95.5	620	96.4	622	96.7	621	96.6	
Dunloggin MS	A 565	701	701	701	640	113.3	C 645	92.0	647	92.3	636	90.7	605	86.3	599	85.4	598	85.3	633	90.3	634	90.4	635	90.6	
Elkridge Landing MS	779	779	779	779	675	86.6	666	85.5	681	87.4	676	86.8	664	85.2	661	84.9	659	84.6	660	84.7	660	84.7	658	84.5	
Ellicott Mills MS	701	701	701	701	615	87.7	614	87.6	621	88.6	610	87.0	627	89.4	634	90.4	653	93.2	675	96.3	684	97.6	675	96.3	
Folly Quarter MS	662	662	662	662	715	108.0	688	103.9	686	103.6	691	104.4	685	103.5	667	100.8	663	100.2	658	99.4	653	98.6	651	98.3	
Glenwood MS	545	545	545	545	508	93.2	521	95.6	531	97.4	549	100.7	544	99.8	534	98.0	542	99.4	543	99.6	549	100.7	553	101.5	
Hammond MS	604	604	604	604	713	118.0	C 681	112.7	C 681	112.7	C 662	109.6	655	108.4	657	108.8	662	109.6	672	111.3	C 680	112.6	C 684	113.2	C
Harpers Choice MS	506	506	506	506	436	86.2	411	81.2	417	82.4	420	83.0	419	82.8	412	81.4	409	80.8	411	81.2	413	81.6	413	81.6	
Lake Elkhorn MS	643	643	643	643	548	85.2	505	78.5	481	74.8	481	74.8	485	75.4	480	74.7	478	74.3	479	74.5	481	74.8	481	74.8	
Lime Kiln MS	682	682	682	682	697	102.2	681	99.9	624	91.5	622	91.2	602	88.3	605	88.7	599	87.8	601	88.1	606	88.9	608	89.1	
Mayfield Woods MS	798	798	798	798	754	94.5	734	92.0	753	94.4	739	92.6	759	95.1	726	91.0	718	90.0	708	88.7	713	89.3	715	89.6	
Mount View MS	798	798	798	798	786	98.5	780	97.7	788	98.7	778	97.5	769	96.4	777	97.4	782	98.0	789	98.9	793	99.4	798	100.0	
Murray Hill MS	662	662	662	662	599	90.5	572	86.4	568	85.8	555	83.8	547	82.6	539	81.4	536	81.0	537	81.1	540	81.6	540	81.6	
Oakland Mills MS	A 701	701	701	701	382	54.5	383	54.6	385	54.9	390	55.6	378	53.9	381	54.4	381	54.4	384	54.8	387	55.2	387	55.2	
Patapseo MS	643	643	643	643	678	105.4	626	97.4	629	97.8	630	98.0	644	100.2	646	100.5	646	100.5	649	100.9	648	100.8	649	100.9	
Patuxent Valley MS	760	760	760	760	863	113.6	C 840	110.5	C 832	109.5	832	109.5	839	110.4	C 852	112.1	C 873	114.9	C 904	118.9	C 937	123.3	C 961	126.4	C
Thomas Viaduct MS	740	740	740	740	883	119.3	C 852	115.1	C 833	112.6	C 824	111.4	C 836	113.0	C 833	112.6	C 834	112.7	C 834	112.7	C 835	112.8	C 830	112.2	C
Wilde Lake MS	740	740	740	740	642	86.8	633	85.5	631	85.3	630	85.1	640	86.5	642	86.8	648	87.6	657	88.8	671	90.7	680	91.9	
Countywide Totals	13594	13730	13730	13730	13274	97.6	12981	94.5	12898	93.9	12818	93.4	12767	93.0	12713	92.6	12755	92.9	12894	93.9	13008	94.7	13050	95.0	

'A' includes additions as reflected in FY 2027 CIP for Grades 6-8
 C: Constrained for future residential development.

HIGH SCHOOLS - MAY 2026 APFO School Capacity Chart

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	2029	2030	2031	2032	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.	Proj	% Util.
Atholton HS	1530	1530	1530	1530	1571	102.7	1583	103.5	1583	103.5	1586	103.7	1550	101.3	1520	99.3	1508	98.6	1494	97.6	1501	98.1	1502	98.2
Centennial HS	1360	1360	1360	1360	1366	100.4	1341	98.6	1340	98.5	1342	98.7	1335	98.2	1348	99.1	1351	99.3	1321	97.1	1318	96.9	1326	97.5
Glennelg HS	1420	1420	1420	1420	1349	95.0	1394	98.2	1409	99.2	1392	98.0	1427	100.5	1428	100.6	1418	99.9	1445	101.8	1430	100.7	1414	99.6
Guilford Park HS	1658	1658	1658	1658	1744	105.2	1770	106.8	1801	108.6	1795	108.3	1798	108.4	1768	106.6	1760	106.2	1748	105.4	1748	105.4	1758	106.0
Hammond HS	1445	1445	1445	1445	1181	81.7	1214	84.0	1228	85.0	1218	84.3	1211	83.8	1176	81.4	1171	81.0	1159	80.2	1159	80.2	1177	81.5
Howard HS	1400	1400	1400	1400	1399	99.9	1382	98.7	1350	96.4	1361	97.2	1355	96.8	1361	97.2	1356	96.9	1354	96.7	1361	97.2	1380	98.6
Long Reach HS	1488	1488	1488	1488	1292	86.8	1298	87.2	1285	86.4	1294	87.0	1292	86.8	1305	87.7	1302	87.5	1290	86.7	1289	86.6	1265	85.0
Marriotts Ridge HS	1615	1615	1615	1615	1715	106.2	1717	106.3	1657	102.6	1648	102.0	1643	101.7	1621	100.4	1632	101.1	1625	100.6	1608	99.6	1621	100.4
Mt Hebron HS	1400	1400	1400	1400	1348	96.3	1393	99.5	1359	97.1	1331	95.1	1305	93.2	1272	90.9	1278	91.3	1262	90.1	1280	91.4	1281	91.5
Oakland Mills HS	1400	1400	1400	1400	1370	97.9	1400	100.0	1395	99.6	1389	99.2	1378	98.4	1343	95.9	1331	95.1	1323	94.5	1312	93.7	1314	93.9
Reservoir HS	1573	1573	1573	1573	1432	91.0	1461	92.9	1480	94.1	1458	92.7	1430	90.9	1376	87.5	1343	85.4	1321	84.0	1303	82.8	1305	83.0
River Hill HS	1488	1488	1488	1488	1407	94.6	1402	94.2	1407	94.6	1392	93.5	1367	91.9	1339	90.0	1315	88.4	1297	87.2	1290	86.7	1293	86.9
Wilde Lake HS	1424	1424	1424	1424	1157	81.3	1159	81.4	1147	80.5	1156	81.2	1126	79.1	1109	77.9	1111	78.0	1100	77.2	1104	77.5	1101	77.3
Countywide Totals	19201	19201	19201	19201	18331	95.5	18514	96.4	18441	96.0	18362	95.6	18217	94.9	17966	93.6	17876	93.1	17739	92.4	17703	92.2	17737	92.4

C: Constrained for future residential development.

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