

Transportation Cost Analysis Summary

- Transportation realizes a cost of \$125,000 per route each school year. This includes a set of assigned schools to create an AM and PM route.
- These models are illustrative and only a snapshot of the 31 middle schools impacted by the current boundary studies.
- The following slides show existing costs and anticipated future routes and where they overlap for grandfathering impact. As we move into implementation, we expect to achieve savings once actual routes and bus stops are confirmed.

Transportation Cost Considerations for “Grandfathering” 8th Grade vs. 7th AND 8th Grade

Woodlin Elementary School

Straight Articulation to Split Articulation for MS/HS

Current MS/HS:

Sligo MS/Albert Einstein HS

Sup’s Rec MS/HS:

SSIMS/Albert Einstein HS

AND

Silver Creek MS/BCC HS

*NOTE: split occurs west of
MARC Brunswick Train Line*

Current MS Assignment Regular School Bus Transportation

Sligo MS
8 existing routes
\$1,000,000

Boundary MS Reassignment Regular School Bus Transportation

Silver Creek MS AND SSIMS
5 new routes
\$625,000

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Option 1 (8th Grade)	\$1,000,000 \$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000
Option 2 7th/8th Grade)	\$1,000,000 \$625,000	\$1,000,000 \$625,000	\$625,000

Please Note: Does not include special education, magnet, and choice program student transportation services

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Laytonsville Elementary School

Split Articulation To Straight
Articulation for MS/HS

Current MS/HS:

John T. Baker MS/Damascus HS
Gaithersburg MS/Gaithersburg HS

Sup’s Rec MS/HS:

Hallie Wells MS/Damascus HS

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Current MS Assignment Regular School Bus Transportation John T. Baker MS/Gaithersburg MS 5 existing routes \$625,000			
Boundary MS Reassignment Regular School Bus Transportation Hallie Wells MS 8 new routes \$1,000,000			
Option 1 (8th Grade)	\$625,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Option 2 7th/8th Grade)	\$625,000 \$1,000,000	\$625,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

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Brown Station Elementary School

Straight Articulation To Straight
Articulation for MS/HS

Current MS/HS:

Lakelands Park MS/
Quince Orchard HS

Sup’s Rec MS/HS:

Roberto W. Clemente MS/
Northwest HS

**Current MS Assignment
Regular School Bus
Transportation**

Lakelands Park MS
6 existing routes
\$750,000

**Boundary MS Reassignment
Regular School Bus
Transportation**

Roberto W. Clemente MS
3 new routes
\$375,000

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Option 1 (8th Grade)	\$750,000 \$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Option 2 7th/8th Grade)	\$750,000 \$375,000	\$750,000 \$375,000	\$375,000

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- During the transition, there will be challenges:
 - Costs will increase
 - Resources (human and bus) will be stretched
 - Possible service impact such as longer ride distances
- But, those will dissipate as the transitional grades move through and as the regional transportation model takes effect.

“Grandfathering” Process Explained

Middle school implementation will take one year

- 8th graders will remain at their current school to finish out their middle school years and only Grades 6–7 will be implemented in the 2027–2028 school year
- Full implementation of Grades 6–8 in the 2028–2029 school year
- 6th and 7th graders whose assignment is changing do need to attend their newly assigned school beginning that year regardless of siblings
- The only exception will be for students in regional programs

High schools implementation will take two years

- Junior and Seniors (Grades 11 and 12) all will remain at their current school to finish out their high school years
- Grades 9–11 in the 2028–2029 school year and full implementation of Grades 9–12 in the 2029–2030 school year

Implementation Exceptions:

- Students in the Cedar Grove and Laytonsville elementary schools areas will begin boundary implementation in the 2027–2028 school year
- Other Clarksburg Cluster students will have delayed implementation until the additional capacity at Damascus HS becomes available

Middle School “Grandfathering”

- We acknowledge concerns about disruption to middle schoolers to have a change of school assignment when the middle school years are already brief.
- Sizes of cohorts of 6th + 7th grade students proposed to change middle schools together:
 - Arcola ES 162 students to Sligo MS
 - Woodlin ES 185 students to Silver Creek MS
 - William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES 176 students to Martin Luther King MS
 - South Lake ES 194 students to Forest Oak MS
- Examples of previous MCPS boundary studies where middle schoolers were grandfathered in this same manner:
 - Opening of Seneca Valley HS
- Ways to alleviate and help make students feel welcome in new schools
 - Common activities to help foster a sense of community
 - Team-building activities across grade level teams
 - Students creating new traditions together
 - Outdoor Education in Grade 6 and visit to Finance Park in Grade 7