

Plans for the Col. Zadok Magruder Community

As we shared in the “Hard Truth” scenario during the Fall CIP process, Col. Zadok Magruder HS remains a priority if capital funds are available. There are currently no funds available.

Project	FY 2027 Approp.	Total	Thru FY 2025	Remaining FY 2026	Total Six-Years	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	Beyond Six-Years
Individual School Projects												
Magruder High School (renewal)		252,520			252,520		10,944	22,982	24,131	101,349	93,114	

May 2025
County Council's
last Approved CIP
[\$1.7B]

Oct 2025
Superintendent's CIP
Recommendation
[\$2.7B]

Nov 2025
BOE's CIP Request
[\$2.7B]

Jan 2026
County Executive's
Recommendation
[\$2.136B]
LARGEST EVER

The superintendent's recommendation, the Board's request, and the county executive's recommendation are all **historic** in that they are the **largest** in MCPS history. Even at these requested funding levels, we do not have enough funding to include Magruder in the CIP unless we make **significant** reductions or remove other projects.

May 2026
Anticipated
County Council
Approved Budget
less than \$2.1B

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/district/departments/planning/fy2027/fy27-cip-5billion-singlesheet.pdf>

Col. Zadok Magruder HS – Future Upgrades

Magruder currently is slated to be the next high school that receives a Major Capital Project once Damascus HS is built. If there is a holding school available, MCPS anticipates the following:

- The scope of the project will be a “renewal” with a small addition.
 - A renewal is where the exterior shell of the building will remain, but all interior walls and systems will be completely replaced.
 - It is anticipated a small addition would be needed to provide the additional supports, larger core spaces, and better adjacencies to meet today’s programming.
- If the scope was a “renovation”, no walls were moved, no additions were built, and we just swapped out the major systems, the costs would be **considerably** less which would allow for a quicker completion date.

If there isn’t a holding school available, MCPS anticipates the following:

- The scope would need to be a “replacement” building, the previous way that MCPS has built new high schools (build the new school next to the existing school, open it, then demolish the old building and build fields).

“Why Did Magruder Get Skipped Over, Again?”

- Some Magruder community members are upset that the Wootton community is being recommended to be relocated into a brand new building instead of them, essentially receiving a Major Capital Project before Magruder.
- By relocating Wootton HS to Crown Farm, the CIP can redirect future significant capital funds that would otherwise be required for a Major Capital Project of the existing facility, allowing these limited resources to impact a larger portion of the MCPS community.
- Without knowing when Magruder HS will be approved for a Major Capital Project, other schools, such as the existing Wootton building, could jump ahead of Magruder again once the buildings are reassessed (MCPS plans on doing facility assessments every four years).