

“Current Wootton as a Holding School”

Schedule for Holding School:

Just like all holding schools, the schedule will depend on funding for projects at schools that could utilize the building. However, based on the vast facility needs across MCPS, we anticipate the facility will be used on a regular basis to support both systemic and major capital project needs.

When are we going to renovate Wootton as a holding school:

MCPS will renovate Wootton as a holding school when funding allows and infrastructure upgrades would be required. It can be used as a holding school as it currently stands, but like all of our holding schools, we strive to complete necessary upgrades as funds become available.

Does using Wootton as a holding school save money and time:

Short answer; **YES**. It requires less mobilization, which accelerates construction, which shortens project timelines, which reduces cost escalation over time, and minimizes disruptions.

Current Operating Costs for Existing Wootton HS

The table represents the majority of operating costs to operate the Thomas S. Wootton HS building.

Principal and Assistant Principals

Main office personnel,
paraprofessionals, school security,
building services, kitchen staff, etc.

	FTE	Salaries	Benefits	Total Costs
Administrators	7.0	\$1,136,377	\$274,576	\$1,410,953
Supporting Services	60.8	\$3,554,272	\$1,693,611	\$5,247,883
Teachers	116.2	\$13,861,778	\$4,258,338	\$18,120,116
Textbooks and Materials				\$2,046,000
Building Service Supplies				\$17,095
Utilities*				\$537,145
Total	184	\$18,552,427	\$6,226,525	\$27,379,192

*These costs reflect actual FY 2025 costs
Electricity = \$355,571
Natural Gas = \$67,302
Water & Sewer = \$110,602
Recycling Services = \$3,670

Operating Costs for a High School Holding School (Occupied vs. Vacant with Community Use)

	Occupied With Another School	Vacant With Community Use
Administrators	Net Neutral	\$0
Supporting Services	Net Neutral	\$28,321*
Teachers	Net Neutral	\$0
Textbooks and Materials	Net Neutral	\$0
Transportation	\$2,125,000**	\$0
Building Service Supplies	Net Neutral	\$5,000
Utilities	\$537,145	\$250,000***

These costs are representative of what it would cost if another school occupied a holding center vs. if the building was vacant or seldomly used.

*Supporting Services accounts for a 0.2 Building Services Manager and a 0.2 Security Assistant. These positions currently do not exist, but would relieve current building services and security “rovers” and be more focused on holding schools only. These costs include salaries and benefits.

**This transportation cost was based on the delta of new buses needed for Northwood to Woodward.

***Utility costs were estimated based on actual utility data from when our elementary holding schools were occupied vs. vacant. This percentage was applied to the actual FY25 utility costs for Wootton HS.