



Projected growth in Monona Grove School District

[Independent enrollment projections](#) estimate that the district will grow by 700 resident students over the next 10 years; this is on top of growth of 525 students over the last 10 years. Three of the District's schools—Taylor Prairie, Cottage Grove, and Glacial Drumlin—are projected to be at capacity within the next five years:

School	Building Capacity	2017-18 Enrollment*	2018-19 Projection*	2019-20 Projection*	2020-21 Projection*	2021-22 Projection*	2022-23 Projection*
Cottage Grove	497	437	441	443	451	474	512
Taylor Prairie	384	327	351	386	411	423	427
Winnequah	638	508	511	527	512	477	481
Glacial Drumlin	876	821	837	874	941	932	930
Monona Grove High School	1,256	877	969	1,033	1,098	1,115	1,128

Projections prepared by Vandewalle and Associates for the Monona Grove School District

*Resident Students Only

	Under capacity
	Over capacity

By building the proposed grade 3-5 elementary school, the remaining District buildings have capacity and can accommodate projected growth. We expect this facilities plan to address our 4K-8 needs for the next 20 years.

The [Facilities Advisory Committee](#) (FAC) did consider additions to existing buildings during the planning process. The main reason this won't work with the buildings listed above comes down to the "core spaces"—the cafeteria, the gym, hallways, etc. Even if a school has enough space to build classrooms, the core spaces must also be able to hold those additional students. If we were to build more classrooms but did not expand the core spaces, we would be left with other problems. Lunch serving lines, transition time from classroom to classroom, even bathroom breaks would all be negatively impacted (and these are all areas already under quite a bit of pressure). The cost of adding or expanding a gymnasium, expanding a cafeteria, widening hallways, and other similar renovations are usually temporary, very costly and oftentimes quite impractical if not impossible. Maywood School and Nichols School in Monona are also not options for remodel. Maywood is currently leased to the Madison Metropolitan School District, but more importantly its small size (with a capacity of only 300 students), primary school configuration, and lack of a gymnasium greatly limits the District's ability to deliver comprehensive programming at the facility. This is inconsistent with the District's commitment to equity in its curriculum offerings. Nichols School is currently home to the District office and MG21, the District's charter high school.

These are some of the reasons why the proposed new elementary would be built with the ability to expand when necessary. The proposal is that building would hold just over 600 students when it's built, with the core spaces built to be able to expand the building capacity to 700 in the future.

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