



## MacArthur High School: Frequently Asked Questions

### Overview

MacArthur High School opened in School Year 2023-2024 as a neighborhood high school in the heart of Ward 3. MacArthur is the destination school for all students attending Hardy Middle School and Hardy’s feeder elementary schools (Eaton Elementary School, Hyde-Addison Elementary School, Key Elementary School, Mann Elementary School, and Stoddert Elementary School).

In March 2022, DC Public Schools announced plans to open a new neighborhood high school in the former Georgetown Day School building—now MacArthur High School. For all information about planning for the opening of MacArthur HS, please visit <https://dcps.dc.gov/macarthur>.

### MacArthur High School

<b>Location</b>	4530 MacArthur Boulevard NW
<b>Date opened</b>	August 2023
<b>Grades served</b>	9 to 12
<b>Boundary and Feeder Pattern</b>	MacArthur HS is the in-boundary neighborhood high school for all students living in the Hardy Middle School boundary. It is the destination school for all students attending Hardy MS or one of Hardy’s feeder elementary schools (Eaton Elementary School, Hyde-Addison Elementary School, Key Elementary School, Mann Elementary School, and Stoddert Elementary School).

This document is an updated version of previous Frequently Asked Questions documents that were released in:

- August 2023 ([FAQ #3 English](#), [FAQ #3 Spanish](#))
- November 2022 ([FAQ #2 English](#), [FAQ #2 Spanish](#))
- June 2022 ([FAQ #1 English](#), [FAQ #1 Spanish](#))

All previous versions are available at [dcps.dc.gov/macarthur](https://dcps.dc.gov/macarthur). For the latest information about MacArthur HS, visit the school’s website at [macarthurhighschooldc.org](https://macarthurhighschooldc.org).

## Boundary and Feeder Pattern

### 1. What is the boundary of MacArthur High School?

The boundary for MacArthur High School is identical to the boundary of Hardy MS. All students living in-boundary for Hardy MS also live in-boundary for MacArthur HS. Before MacArthur HS opened, Jackson-Reed HS was the in-boundary high school for students living within the Hardy MS boundary.

### 2. What middle schools feed into MacArthur High School?

Hardy Middle School feeds into MacArthur HS. Any student who completes 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Hardy MS will have a right to attend MacArthur HS as long as they have not moved out-of-boundary or withdrawn from the feeder pattern. Before MacArthur HS opened, Hardy MS fed into Jackson-Reed for high school.

### 3. What is the difference between a boundary and a feeder pattern?

A student's in-boundary school is a school the student has a right to attend based on their home address. Every home address has an assigned elementary, middle, and high school. To identify a student's in-boundary school, go to [enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/41](https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/41).

Many DCPS schools are part of a feeder pattern, meaning that students who complete the terminal grade (the last grade at that campus) in a school have the right to enroll in the entry grade of the next school in the feeder pattern. An elementary school will feed into a middle school. A middle school will feed into a high school.

Please note: Feeder pattern rights do not extend to students who enroll as in-boundary students and then move out of the boundary or to students who have withdrawn from an out-of-boundary feeder pattern at any point. Please see the [DCPS Enrollment and Lottery Handbook](#) for more information.

Visit a school's DCPS School Profile to view feeder schools [profiles.dcps.dc.gov/](https://profiles.dcps.dc.gov/). See the [DCPS Enrollment and Lottery Handbook](#) to view all feeder patterns.

### 4. How does the MacArthur HS boundary and feeder pattern affect my children?

*For students enrolled at Jackson-Reed High School:*

- Any student currently enrolled at Jackson-Reed HS may remain enrolled at Jackson-Reed HS, even if their home address is now in-boundary for MacArthur HS.

*For students enrolled at Hardy Middle School:*

- If your child is starting 9th grade in School Year 2025-2026, they will have a feeder right to only MacArthur HS. An exception will be made for students who enter 9th grade in School Year 2025-2026 and have a sibling enrolled at Jackson-Reed in School Year 2025-2026. Rising 9th graders with a sibling enrolled at Jackson-Reed will have a right to enroll at Jackson-Reed in School Year 2025-2026 only.
- If your child is starting 9<sup>th</sup> grade in School Year 2026-2027 or later, they will have a feeder right

only to MacArthur HS. They will not have a feeder right to Jackson-Reed HS, regardless of any sibling enrolled at Jackson-Reed at the time. Students living outside the Jackson-Reed boundary and enrolled outside the Jackson-Reed feeder pattern can apply to Jackson-Reed in the [My School DC lottery](#) and will receive a sibling preference as appropriate.

Year Student Enters 9th Grade	Feeder rights from Hardy to MacArthur	Feeder rights from Hardy to Jackson-Reed
<b>SY 2024-2025</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b> , phase-in right for all students
<b>SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>YES</b>	NO, unless a sibling is enrolled at Jackson-Reed in SY 2025-2026
<b>SY 2026-2027</b>	<b>YES</b>	NO
<b>SY 2027-2028</b>	<b>YES</b>	NO

*For students enrolled at one of the elementary schools that feeds into Hardy MS and MacArthur HS (Eaton, Hyde-Addison, Key, Mann, or Stoddert ES):*

- Any student who graduates from Hardy and enters 9<sup>th</sup> grade in School Year 2026-2027 or later will have a feeder right only to MacArthur HS—they will not have a feeder right to Jackson-Reed HS, regardless of any sibling enrolled at Jackson-Reed at the time. Students living outside the Jackson-Reed boundary and enrolled outside the Jackson-Reed feeder pattern can apply to Jackson-Reed in the [My School DC lottery](#) and will receive a sibling preference as appropriate.

*For elementary and middle school students who live in the MacArthur HS boundary but are not enrolled at Hardy MS or a feeder elementary school:*

- MacArthur HS is your child’s in-boundary high school, and they have a right to enroll at MacArthur HS when they enter 9th grade.
- If your child starts 9<sup>th</sup> grade in School Year 2026-2027 or later, they will not have a right to Jackson-Reed HS, regardless of any sibling enrolled at Jackson-Reed at the time. Your child can apply to Jackson-Reed in the [My School DC lottery](#) and will receive a sibling lottery preference as appropriate.

Year Student Enters 9th Grade	In-boundary right to MacArthur? <i>(confirm at enrolldcps.dc.gov)</i>	In-boundary right to Jackson-Reed?
SY 2024-2025	YES	YES, phase-in right for all students
SY 2025-2026	YES	NO, unless a sibling is enrolled at Jackson-Reed in SY 2025-2026
SY 2026-2027	YES	NO
SY 2027-2028	YES	NO

**5. What phase-in policies are being implemented for impacted families?**

Phase-in policies allow boundary and feeder changes to be implemented gradually and provide special considerations for siblings. For two school years, DCPS offered phase-in policies for all students at Hardy, allowing all 8th graders to choose between MacArthur HS and their former feeder high school, Jackson-Reed HS. In School Year 2025-2026, this phase-in will come to an end. Hardy 8th graders entering 9th grade in School Year 2025-2026 will have feeder rights to only MacArthur HS.

After the phase-in policy ends for Hardy MS 8<sup>th</sup> graders, there will be one additional year of sibling phase-in. If your child is starting 9<sup>th</sup> grade in School Year 2025-2026 and has a sibling enrolled at the former feeder school (Jackson-Reed HS) in School Year 2025-2026, your child has the right to enroll at Jackson-Reed HS. In School Year 2026-2027 and later, there will be no sibling phase-in policy in effect. At this point, students who live out-of-boundary for Jackson-Reed and wish to enroll there can apply in the [My School DC lottery](#) and may receive a sibling preference as appropriate.