



Mergers



Operate Garrett Morgan as one school

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Overview of School Action



Operating Garrett Morgan as one school uses our resources more sustainably to preserve what's working while expanding access to career pathways and college credit courses for every student

Garrett Morgan Engineering & Innovation and Garrett Morgan Leadership & Innovation

- Enrollment at the Garrett Morgan schools is low
- While enrollment at Garrett Morgan Engineering is growing and enrollment at Garrett Morgan Leadership has stayed steady, resources could be used more sustainably if they operated as a single school
- Operating the schools as one will preserve what is working while expanding student access to career pathways and college credit courses

Garrett Morgan High School

- Every student will have access to expanded career pathways, college credit courses, and electives and the ability to pursue an honors diploma
- Innovation and Engineering will continue to be an area of specialization that students can choose, along with opportunities like civic leadership activities, AP Seminar, Concert Band, and A.C.E. Mentoring Program (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering)
- Students will continue to play sports and participate in extracurricular activities together, as they have always done on this shared campus

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School Data



Merging School Data	Garrett Morgan Engineering	Garrett Morgan Leadership	How the data informed the recommendation
HS Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 404	● 417	• Enrollment at the Garrett Morgan schools is low compared to the 500-student target for HS; operating as a single high school will allow us to sustainably offer more opportunities for all students
Enrollment Trend (2022-2025)	● 12%	● 0% ¹	• Enrollment at Garrett Morgan Engineering has grown while enrollment at Garrett Morgan Leadership has stayed steady compared to the district median for high schools (-7%)
Building Condition Score	● 90		• The Garrett Morgan building is in good condition and will continue to be used as the location for the merged Garrett Morgan High School
Utilization of Building Planning Capacity	● 84% of 982		• Enrollment is comparable to the building's planning capacity

HS Enrollment

- Strong (>500)
- Low (400-500)
- Very low (<400)

Enrollment Trend

- >0% growth
- 0-7% decline
- >7% decline

Building Condition Score

- Like New/Good >80
- Fair/Poor 60-80
- Unsatisfactory <60

Building Utilization

- >80%
- 60 to 80%
- Below 60%

Building Planning Capacity

- Below 500

¹ Garrett Morgan Leadership and Innovation is a newer school and its first year of enrollment in all grades was SY23-24. As such, its enrollment trend is from 2024-2025.

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Student Experience



Merging these schools will **preserve what’s working while expanding access to career pathways, college credit courses, electives, and the option to pursue an honors diploma**

	GM E&I SY 2025-26	GM L&I SY 2025-26	Garrett Morgan SY 2026-27	
 Career Pathways	2	0	3	3 Career Pathways • Engineering and Science Technologies • IT – Networking • Visual Design and Imaging
 College Credit Courses	3	2	3 or more	
 Electives in Arts & Languages	5	12	12 or more	

Additionally, in school year 2026-27, Garrett Morgan will offer:

-  **Continued student supports** to meet academic, physical, special education, mental health, and language needs
-  **All current sports** and continued participation in Senate League

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Looking Ahead



Co-located merging schools

Current students in grades 9-11 at any of the Garrett Morgan schools do not need to participate in School Choice to remain at the merged school.

All students will continue to be supported in their goal of graduating ready for college and career.

Special education single classrooms will still be offered at multiple schools. Families whose children are in these specialized classrooms will get additional outreach and support to enroll.



School choice

Families can use the CMSD School Finder and School Choice Book to better understand their options.

School Choice will launch in January and run through the end of February.



Leadership

Principals for the 2026-27 school year will be appointed in December.



Staff

Staff assignments will be confirmed in Spring 2026, following the School Choice process.

School staff teams will be merged in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the merged student community.

School community

Students, families, and staff will have opportunities to connect and collaborate around the future of the unified school community over the course of the spring and summer before the start of the 2026-27 school year.