

Multimodal Access Opportunity Scores

This score is based on the physical assets and barriers that determine each school or site's potential for increased walking, bicycling, carpooling and bus/transit use. Current travel modes (how people are accessing the school now) are not a factor in the score.

Walk/Bike Score = 78



Contact information:

Claremont Immersion 4700 S. Chesterfield Rd. Arlington, VA 22206 Phone: 703-228-2500

Type of Site:

Elementary School

Grade Levels:

Pre K - 5

Summary Conditions

Claremont Immersion School is located at the top of the hill near the corner of South Columbus Street and South Chesterfield Road in Arlington County, less than one block away from both Four Mile Run trail and South George Mason Drive. In 2013, the school had a total enrollment of 728 students and 109 faculty and staff.

Neighborhood Context

This school is located in a compact neighborhood mostly consisting of single-family residences. The neighborhood also includes some commercial activity in the south western part of the attendance boundary. The neighborhood is also home to Wakefield High School which remained under construction/demolition during the Fall of 2013. Most of the neighborhood is made up of semi-connected small to mid-size blocks which have sidewalks at either side. While many of the sidewalks around the neighborhood have recently been built or reconstructed to accommodate most users, sidewalks in close proximity to the school remain narrow (less than 5 ft.) and uneven.

Transportation Assets

Claremont Immersion is served by various bus lines which have infrequent service (mostly serving in the morning and afternoon rush hours). The school does include a small parking lot for staff and visitors which at the time of the site visit was at capacity. Some teachers and visitors were observed utilizing unmarked on-street parking on S. Chesterfield Road.

There is some existing traffic calming in the form of traffic circles, signalized crossings and pedestrian islands in the surrounding streets. The school also provided some bicycle racks at the entrance of the school. The racks were underutilized.

While there is a trail in close proximity of the school (Four Mile Run) access to the trail is very difficult due to the steep and muddy conditions. Although there are stairs connecting the school to the trail, the stairs were in need of some maintenance.

Physical Barriers

As previously expressed, the school is located at the top of the hill and much of the neighborhood around the school is hilly. The hill also creates a physical barrier for pedestrians who would like to access the school via Four Mile Run. While there are sidewalks in both side of the street immediately adjacent to the school, the sidewalks are narrow and in some cases uneven.

Existing Travel Modes (from 2013 School Surveys)

