The Maplewood cluster is one of the lowest-performing in the district, with all middle and high schools considered Priority schools. Although one school, Shwab Elementary, earned Reward status, every middle and high school student in this cluster attends a school that ranks in the state's bottom five percent. The percentage of middle school students scoring "on track" or "mastered" and the percentage of high school students considered college or career ready are similar—mostly hovering between 5 - 10%.

Maplewood High School is one of four schools in the district with a chronic absenteeism rate above 40%. More than two-thirds of its students are economically disadvantaged.