

SUMMARY

SUS SPACE ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION

- Instructional classroom space comprises a small percentage (6%) of the total space in the State University System.
- Classroom student station occupancy is the basis for determining need and utilization. Statutes establish a minimum station utilization standard (occupancy rate) of 60%.
- Statutes establish a minimum room utilization rate of 40 hours per week.
- The factors and standards used by Florida to determine need and assess space utilization for classroom space are similar to the factors and standards used by other states for classroom space according to a report by MGT of America. The 40-hour classroom usage standard is higher than the 30-35 hours found in most universities that responded to the survey. Florida's net assignable square feet per student station is slightly higher than most other states, and the 60% occupancy rate is at the low end when compared to other states.
- The SUS classroom utilization information that is currently collected by the DOE represents only scheduled, for credit instructional activity. It does not represent any non-scheduled, non-credit, or non-instructional activity that may be taking place.
- Raising either standard (occupancy rate or room utilization rate) will result in less need being calculated. Standards can be raised or lowered by statutory revision or by BOG adopted policy.