

00031S01 – BUILDING EFFICIENCY STANDARD

The University of Kentucky is required to comply with the latest edition of the “Postsecondary Education Facilities Inventory and Classification Manual (FICM)” (*) as promulgated by the [Institute of Educational Statistics - National Center For Education Statistics](#) for the reporting of space for the purposes of operating and maintenance funds from the state as well as the reporting of expenses / reimbursements of grant funds. Contained within this manual are the definitions for Gross Square Feet (GSF) and Net Assignable Square Feet (NASF) along with the basis for measurements, descriptions and limitations that the University is required to comply with for reporting purposes. Generally NASF is that space that is directly assignable to a College or Administrative Department.

Each interior space is measured from finished face to finished face of the opposing wall. The areas taken up by the walls are classified as structural areas and are unassignable. Also unassignable are mechanical rooms, electric closets, communication closets, public restrooms, public corridors, loading docks serving the entire building, elevator shafts at each floor, and stair wells at each floor. Corridors contained within suites of labs/offices that are behind secured doors from the public corridors are assignable to that lab / office suite and are to be counted as assignable square feet.

(*) Search IES’s website for “Inventory and Classification Manual” to find the most current edition.