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**Date:** May 7, 1999  
**To:** Chancellors and Presidents at Public Universities and Technical Colleges  
**From:** Roger W. Elliott *R. Elliott*  
**Subject:** Fall 1998 Classroom and Class Laboratory Utilization Summaries

Attached are summaries of the Fall 1998 Room Utilization Report of average weekly hours of use for classrooms and class labs at Texas public universities and technical colleges. The Coordinating Board's utilization standards are:

- 38 weekly hours of use for classrooms (room types 110)
- 25 weekly hours of use for class labs (room types 210)

As we indicated to you last year, the Fall 1998 utilization calculation has changed. It is now based on the number of on-campus E&G classrooms and class labs in your facilities inventory and the total duration of class time as reported in Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board CBM005 Building and Room Use Report, counting a 50-minute class as an hour. Previous reports were based on the number of rooms reported in the CBM005. Rooms coded as being renovated are not included. The attached summaries indicate the number of class rooms and class labs at each institution. Some institutions are apparently continuing to have problems utilizing or reporting all of their space.

A rider in the General Appropriations Act requires institutions to review their scheduling practices if they fall below the following utilization rates:

- 27 weekly hours of use for classrooms
- 17 weekly hours of use for class labs

Twenty institutions are below one of these averages. We continue to encourage institutions to review their classroom and class lab scheduling practices in order to make the most-effective use of your facilities.

If you have any questions on the enclosed data or need further information, please call Bill Beckham or Eleaine Sobotik at (512) 483-6110.

**Attachments**

**cc:** Ms. Pam Willeford, Chairman  
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**Fall 1998 Classroom Utilization - Public Universities**  
**Average Weekly Hours of Use**  
ranked by highest hours of use

Rank	Institution	Avg Hours of Use	Number of Rooms/Room Type 110		
			Facilities Inventory	CBM005 Report	Not Utilized
1	Texas A&M University-Texarkana	40.6	19	18	1
<b>State Standard for Classroom Use</b>		<b>38.0</b>			
2	Texas A&M University-Galveston Campus	37.6	17	15	2
3	Texas A&M University	37.3	317	307	10
4	The University of Texas at Austin	37.2	441	436	5
5	The University of Texas at San Antonio	35.1	108	101	7
6	Tarleton State University	35.0	84	82	2
7	University of North Texas	34.6	189	180	9
8	Sul Ross State University	34.2	37	33	4
9	Midwestern State University	32.9	77	74	3
10	The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	32.0	29	25	4
11	The University of Texas at El Paso	31.0	145	145	0
12	University of Houston-Clear Lake	30.9	70	69	1
13	The University of Texas at Arlington	30.5	189	183	6
14	University of Houston	29.7	271	231	40
15	The University of Texas at Brownsville**	28.9	80	70	10
16	Southwest Texas State University	28.8	205	156	49
17	West Texas A&M University	28.7	107	107	0
18	Texas Woman's University	28.3	78	78	0
19	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	28.2	69	60	9
19	Prairie View A&M University	28.2	64	59	5
21	The University of Texas at Dallas	27.5	85	85	0
21	University of Houston-Downtown	27.5	100	80	20
23	The University of Texas-Pan American	27.1	132	117	15
23	Texas Tech University	27.1	268	241	27
<b>Average set by 75th Legislature</b>		<b>27.0</b>			
25	Angelo State University	26.4	83	83	0
26	The University of Texas at Tyler	26.3	55	54	1
27	Sam Houston State University	26.0	147	119	28
28	Lamar University	25.1	120	101	19
29	Stephen F. Austin State University	24.9	171	163	8
30	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	23.9	118	107	11
31	Texas A&M University-Commerce	22.5	112	112	0
32	University of Houston-Victoria	20.4	21	15	6
33	Texas A&M International University	20.3	60	52	8
34	Texas Southern University	15.7	148	106	42
			<b>4,216</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>352</b>

\*\* UT-Brownsville shares facilities with Texas Southmost College, which is included in the calculations.

Source: Institutions' Facilities Inventory and CBM005 Building and Room Use Report on file with THECB.

**Fall 1998 Classroom Utilization - Public Technical Colleges**

**Average Weekly Hours of Use**

ranked by highest hours of use

Rank	Institution	Avg Hours of Use
T1	Lamar University Institute of Technology**	42.4
	<b>State Standard for Classroom Use</b>	<b>38.0</b>
	<b>Average set by 75th Legislature</b>	<b>27.0</b>
T2	Lamar University-Port Arthur	25.8
T3	Lamar University-Orange	25.2
T4	Texas State Technical College-Sweetwater	20.3
T5	Texas State Technical College-Waco	19.0
T6	Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	12.6

Number of Rooms/Room Type 110		
Facilities Inventory	CBM005 Report	Not Utilized
13	13	0
35	28	7
20	20	0
33	33	0
108	79	29
86	53	33
295	226	69

**Fall 1998 Class Lab Utilization - Public Technical Colleges**

**Average Weekly Hours of Use**

ranked by highest hours of use

Rank	Institution	Avg Hours of Use
T1	Lamar University Institute of Technology**	39.4
T2	Lamar University-Orange	35.8
T3	Lamar University-Port Arthur	26.4
	<b>State Standard for Class Laboratory Use</b>	<b>25.0</b>
T4	Texas State Technical College-Sweetwater	22.8
	<b>Average set by 75th Legislature</b>	<b>17.0</b>
T5	Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	14.6
T6	Texas State Technical College-Waco	14.6

Number of Rooms/Room Type 210		
Facilities Inventory	CBM005 Report	Not Utilized
23	23	0
9	9	0
22	17	5
65	56	9
106	73	33
319	198	121
544	376	168

Note: Lamar University Institute of Technology (LUIT) shares facilities with Lamar University but this calculation only includes LUIT classes.

Source: Institutions' Facilities Inventory and CBM005 Building and Room Use Report on file with THECB.

**Fall 1998 Class Lab Utilization - Public Universities**  
**Average Weekly Hours of Use**  
ranked by highest hours of use

Rank	Institution	Avg Hours of Use	Number of Rooms/Room Type 210		
			Facilities Inventory	CBM005 Report	Not Utilized
1	Texas A&M University-Texarkana	40.5	4	3	1
2	The University of Texas at Arlington	32.6	71	64	7
3	Angelo State University	30.6	38	35	3
4	The University of Texas at Austin	27.7	145	141	4
<b>State Standard for Class Laboratory Use</b>		<b>25.0</b>			
5	Texas Woman's University	23.4	68	68	0
6	Tarleton State University	23.2	16	15	1
7	The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	22.9	16	10	6
8	The University of Texas at El Paso	21.6	44	41	3
9	Texas A&M University	21.4	228	227	1
10	The University of Texas at Brownsville **	21.3	66	42	24
11	University of North Texas	21.2	110	87	23
12	Southwest Texas State University	20.0	88	58	30
13	University of Houston-Clear Lake	19.5	26	25	1
14	Midwestern State University	17.9	30	27	3
15	Sam Houston State University	17.8	93	63	30
16	Sul Ross State University	17.3	38	31	7
<b>Average set by 75th Legislature</b>		<b>17.0</b>			
17	The University of Texas at Dallas	16.7	26	17	9
18	Texas A&M University-Commerce	16.6	37	34	3
19	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	16.4	52	41	11
22	The University of Texas at San Antonio	15.7	93	51	42
20	Stephen F. Austin State University	15.5	84	71	13
20	West Texas A&M University	15.5	65	34	31
22	Texas A&M University-Galveston Campus	15.1	22	13	9
24	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	14.4	81	66	15
24	University of Houston	14.4	183	110	73
26	University of Houston-Downtown	14.2	27	26	1
27	Texas Tech University	12.5	188	127	61
28	Lamar University	11.7	94	64	30
29	The University of Texas-Pan American	11.5	92	52	40
30	Prairie View A&M University	10.9	60	39	21
31	The University of Texas at Tyler	8.5	17	12	5
32	Texas A&M International University	7.6	17	14	3
33	Texas Southern University	6.5	86	45	41
			2,306	1,753	553

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