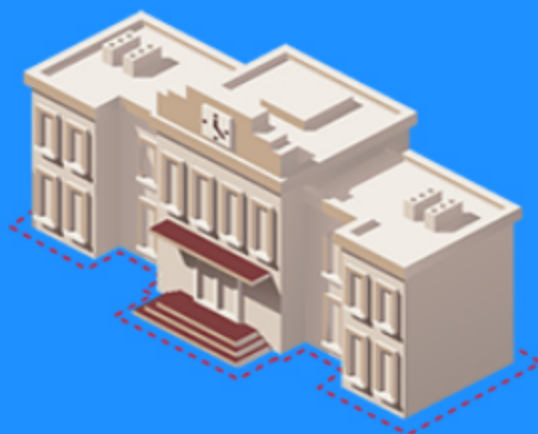


# 4 SQUARE FOOTAGE DEFINITIONS

And How To Use Them

## GROSS SQUARE FEET (GSF)

Gross Square Feet is the total area of enclosed space measured to the exterior walls of a building. This is an umbrella term that includes everything in a facility, even unusable spaces (think areas in between walls). It's the total space a facility takes up regardless of whether or not the space is used.



## NET SQUARE FEET (NSF)

Net Square Feet is the area of usable space that's available for furnishings, equipment, and personnel. NSF is essentially GSF minus unusable space. Areas included in NSF are measured from the inside finished surface of their surrounding walls, excluding any area bounded by structural columns, shafts, or outside finished surfaces.



## NET ASSIGNABLE SQUARE FEET (NASF)

Net Assignable Square Feet is the sum of all areas that are usable for programmatic purposes. NASF can be calculated as NSF minus the spaces you wouldn't be able to assign a specific use to. For instance, an office or a classroom would be included in NASF, a hallway or lobby would not.



## NET CLEANABLE SQUARE FEET (NCSF)

Net Cleanable Square Feet is the sum of all floor area that requires custodial services. This can be represented as NSF minus areas that cannot or do not have to be cleaned, such as closets or areas where there is a significant amount of equipment encompassing floor space.

