

## 59331 Frequency of Use Rate - High Schools

Please can you tell me the current 'Frequency of Use' rate for every high school in Edinburgh.

The frequency of use rate was calculated for each school as part of the recent exercise to consider school capacities / rolls as referred to in the 'Learning Estate Update: 2024 based School Roll Projections and Secondary School Capacity Review' reports of the March 2025 Education committee –

Point 9.3 of Item 7.5:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s81917/7.5%20Learning%20Estate%20Update%202024%20based%20School%20Roll%20Projections%20and%20Secondary%20School%20Capacity%20Review.pdf>

I took it from this report that there would be a frequency of use rate for teaching spaces in each high school.

Also, the last complete school year or when the rate was last calculated would be fine.

### **Timetable and room frequency of use data for Secondary schools.**

#### **Please note the following:**

The FOI request makes an incorrect assumption that room frequency of use data was collated from all City of Edinburgh Council Secondary Schools to inform the Secondary Capacity Review process and to support the establishment of an agreed efficiency factor to calculate planning capacity.

The methodology and rationale for the approach to calculating planning capacity is explained in the Education, Children and Families Committee paper from November 2024. This is published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=7287>

Please refer to 'Item 8.3 – Secondary School Capacity Review'

Secondary schools use centralised digital systems to input data related to their timetable and room use. This data has been used to calculate an approximate room efficiency percentage for each Secondary school. However, the following should be noted:

1. Only rooms used for learning and teaching purposes that support whole timetabled classes were used for this data in line with the strategy used to establish a school's planning capacity.
2. Timetabling and curriculum organisation is complex and the systems used are not always capable of capturing the exact use of rooms, particularly during specific times of year when room use changes temporarily, such as during the SQA exam diet.
3. The accuracy of the data available on centralised systems is dependent on how information is recorded by each school.

4. The data has been calculated using information from the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.
5. There was insufficient data to provide a calculation for Gracemount High School\*.
6. Wester Hailes High School and Trinity Academy are currently experiencing temporary accommodation measures during the construction of their new school buildings.

The information above should be considered carefully when viewing the table below as these aspects mean the figures provided show an approximation of room use efficiency for each school.

<b>School</b>	<b>Frequency of Use</b>
Balerno Community High School	81%
Boroughmuir High School	76%
Broughton High School	74%
Castlebrae Community Campus	76%
Craigmount High School	71%
Craigroyston Community High School	65%
Currie Community High School	72%
Drummond Community High School	63%
Firrhill High School	76%
Forrester High School	67%
Gracemount High School	*
Holy Rood RC High School	60%
James Gillespie's High School	79%
Leith Academy	76%
Liberton High School	72%
Portobello High School	69%
Queensferry High School	72%
The Royal High School	74%
St Augustine's RC High School	74%
St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School	77%
Trinity Academy	72%
Tynecastle High School	74%
Wester Hailes High School	62%