

# CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT: FY 2020

(OCT. 1, 2019 - SEP. 30, 2020)

## ABOUT US

SIFA Learning Academy Charter School (SIFA LACS) is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) School that caters to grades 6 to 8. SIFA LACS opened in October 2018 with 102 students. As of September 30, 2020, SIFA LACS has a total of 309 students.

## VISION

SIFA Learning Academy Charter School envisions itself as a leading STEAM-based secondary middle school on Guam, dedicated to the academic and personal development of its students.

## MISSION

The mission of SIFA LACS is to prepare middle school students through rigorous and relevant STEAM content, and to be successful and productive citizens by developing strong critical thinking skills needed to solve problems for Guam and the world.

## GOALS

The goals of SIFA LACS are to:

1. Provide effective, innovating, and challenging teaching and learning environment using STEAM as a platform;
2. Maximize student potential and ensure students are well-equipped to meet the challenges of today's world; and to
3. Engage the family and community in all aspects of the charter school, from teaching and learning to field experiences.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Student enrollment by grade level as of September 30, 2020.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	TOTAL
<b>Male</b>	68	65	38	171
<b>Female</b>	48	51	39	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>309</b>

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

About Us	Page 1
Academic Performance	Page 2
Finances	Page 3
Future Outlook	Page 4

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Florita Santos  
Chairperson

Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga  
Vice Chairperson

Kristina Alba  
Secretary

Troy Lizama  
Member

Melissa C. Palomo  
Member

Carl Torres II  
Member

Sgt. Paul Tapao  
PTO Representative

Arvi Bacani  
Ex-Officio Member  
(until July 2020)

Sherrene Mantanona  
Ex-Officio Member  
(effective August 2020)

For more information,  
visit our website at  
[www.sifalacs.com](http://www.sifalacs.com)

# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

## TESTING

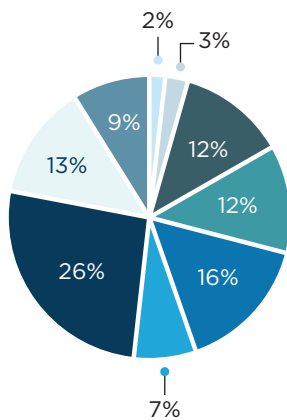
Due to the mandated lockdown and the island-wide shutdown of all schools during the 3rd quarter of SY 2019-2020, SIFA LACS was unable to administer the ACT Aspire testing. Likewise, the SIFA LACS Math and English Language Arts departments were unable to administer the year-end WRAT and Brigance testing, respectively. The following graphs will show the initial ranking of all students.

## BRIGANCE TESTING

The Brigance Test assesses each student's grade level spelling ability.

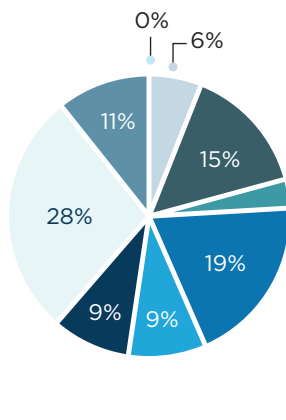
6th Grade Brigance Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th
- 2nd 5th 8th
- 3rd 6th Absent



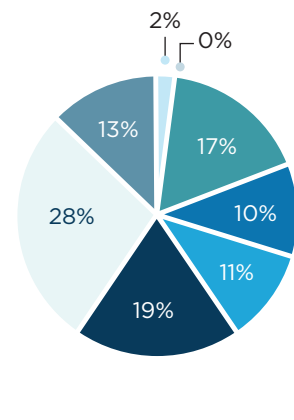
7th Grade Brigance Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th
- 2nd 5th 8th
- 3rd 6th Absent



8th Grade Brigance Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th
- 2nd 5th 8th
- 3rd 6th Absent

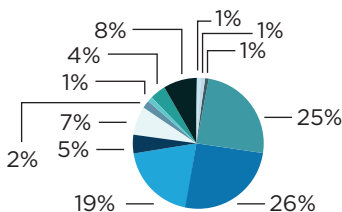


## WRAT TESTING

The WRAT Test assesses each student's grade level mathematics skills.

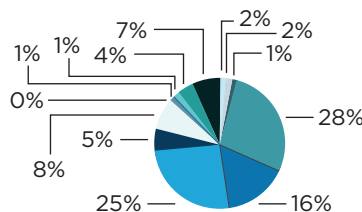
6th Grade WRAT Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th 10th Absent
- 2nd 5th 8th 11th
- 3rd 6th 9th 12th



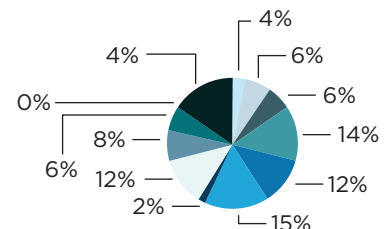
7th Grade WRAT Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th 10th Absent
- 2nd 5th 8th 11th
- 3rd 6th 9th 12th



8th Grade WRAT Testing - August 2019

- 1st 4th 7th 10th Absent
- 2nd 5th 8th 11th
- 3rd 6th 9th 12th



What would you like to see reported on this page? Please let us know by contacting SIFA LACS at [studentsupport@sifalacs.com](mailto:studentsupport@sifalacs.com) or (671) 734-7432.

# FINANCES

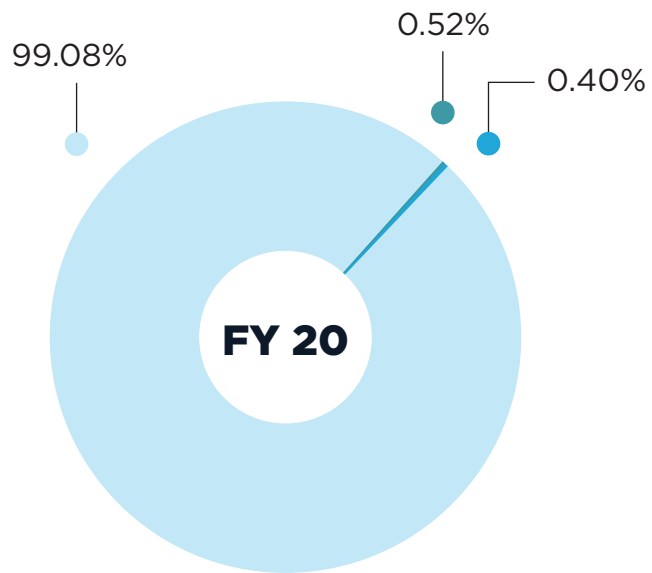
## FY2020 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

SIFA receives funding through GovGuam appropriations. The school was also granted Pandemic Protective Equipment through the Educational Stabilization Fund (CARES ACT) and the Guam Department of Education Consolidated Grant.

### REVENUE

- Appropriation - Students: \$1,900,350
- Grant - In-kind: \$10,066
- Fund Raising Revenue: \$7,620

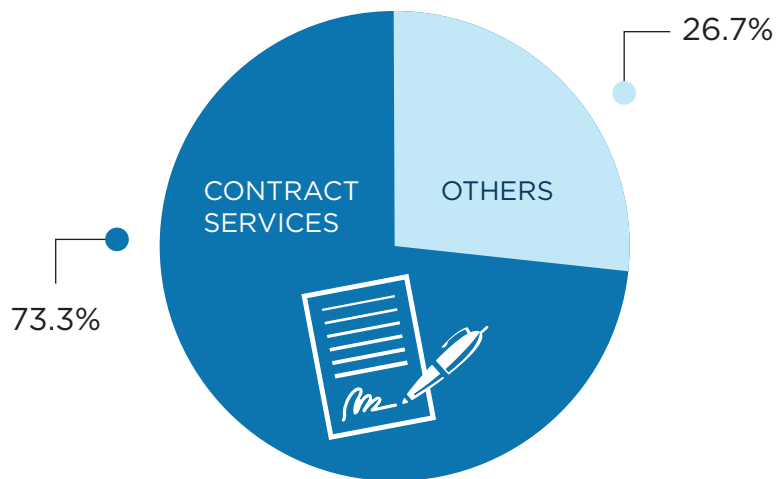
**Total Revenue: \$1,918,036**



### EXPENSES

- Contractual services: \$2.4 million
- Other: \$877,000
- Salaries and wages: \$848,000
- Operations: \$20,000
- Fundraising: \$6,000
- Bank Charges: \$2,000

**Total Expenses: \$3,277,000**



# FUTURE OUTLOOK

## ACCREDITATION

SIFA LACS is preparing for WASC Accreditation, tentatively scheduled for Spring 2022.

## REVENUE

When the island-wide shutdown of schools was mandated in March 2020, SIFA LACS was able to implement a virtual learning mode within one week. Prior to Executive Order 2020-04 regarding the suspension of in-person learning on March 14, 2020, the school had already closed for deep cleaning and students were given assignments for the week. The faculty and staff used that week to plan a virtual STEAM project that would carry on for the rest of the school year. Parents and students expressed appreciation for the continued instruction.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Following the success of SY 2019-2020's transition to virtual learning, SIFA LACS was able to plan a 100% virtual learning program for SY 2020-2021. The program includes regular live instruction via Google Classroom from Monday to Thursday. Fridays are set aside to implement a new House system, where students of all grade levels are placed into one of four Houses to promote social-emotional learning via counseling modules and various interactive activities.

## CHALLENGES

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has taken a toll on the island-wide education community, including SIFA LACS. Like other schools, SIFA LACS has needed to adjust its mode of instruction and the duration of the pandemic has caused some uncertainty for future planning. The school continues to make multiple plans in order to respond to government mandates.





Mariella Cruz &lt;macruz@guamopa.com&gt;

---

## Reminder for Submission of FY 2020 Citizen-Centric Report

---

**Office of the Principal** <principal@sifalacs.com>

Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 1:33 PM

To: Mariella Cruz &lt;macruz@guamopa.com&gt;, senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Cc: Clariza Roque &lt;croque@guamopa.com&gt;, Kella Marie Hernandez &lt;khernandez@sifalacs.com&gt;, AJay Sunga &lt;aj.sunga@sifalacs.com&gt;

Hello Mariella,

I hope all is well. Please see attached for SIFA's CCR for fiscal year 2020.

The report has also been posted at the SIFA LACS website: <https://www.sifalacs.com/resources/citizen-centric-report>

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you!

Have a great weekend,

JDG

[Quoted text hidden]

---

 **SIFA CCR FY2020.pdf**  
619K