



Citizen-Centric Report: FY 2022

(OCT. 1, 2021 – SEP. 30, 2022)

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, 2022, SIFA LACS has a total of 342 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, 2022.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	TOTAL
Male	76	65	58	199
Female	49	45	49	153
Total	125	110	107	342

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

TESTING

Due to the ongoing pandemic and abrupt mandated switch to virtual and hybrid instruction during the first semester, the ELA and Math departments were unable to properly administer the Brigance and WRAT tests. However, the school was able to participate in the district-wide ACT Aspire (Grades 6 and 7) and Pre-ACT (Grade 8 only) testing in May 2022. The results are detailed below.

BRIGANCE TESTING

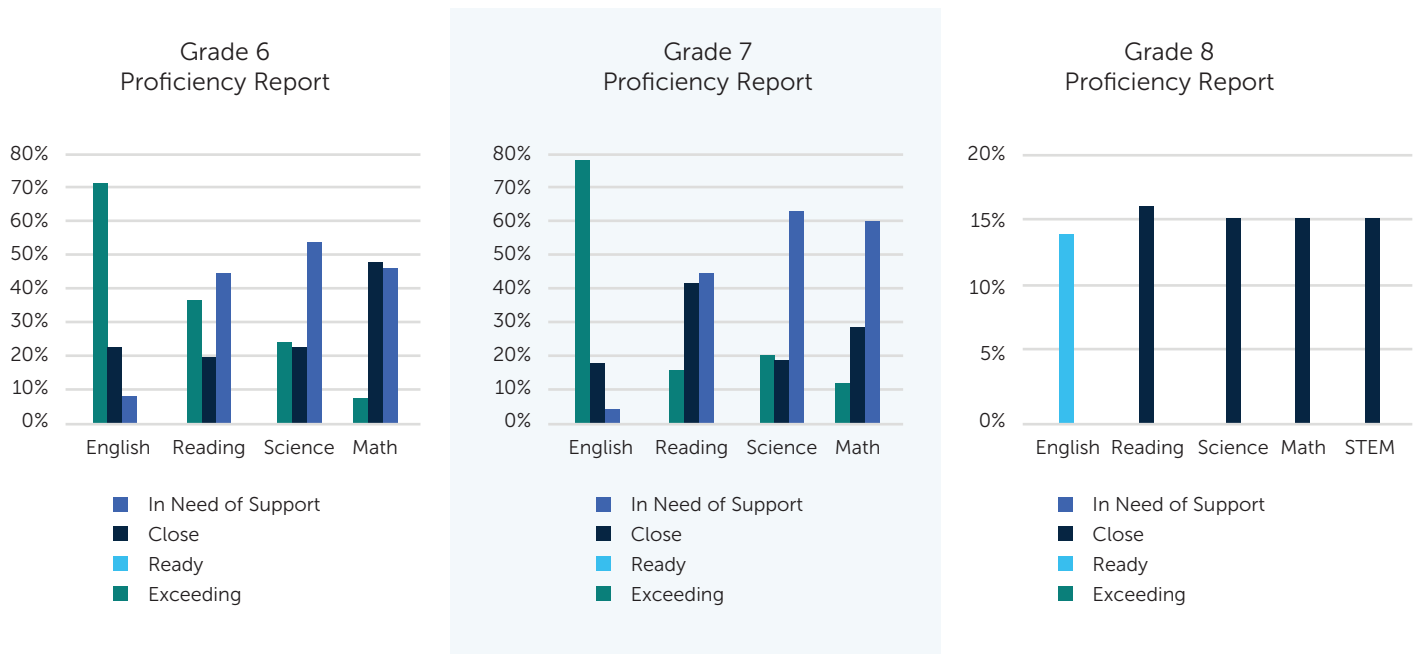
The Brigance Test assesses each student's grade level spelling ability. Because of the shifts to 100% distance learning and later hybrid learning, the administration decided against implementing the Brigance Test during SY 2021-2022.

WRAT TESTING

The WRAT Test assesses each student's grade level mathematics skills. Because of the shifts to 100% distance learning and later hybrid learning, the administration decided against implementing the WRAT Test during SY 2021-2022.

ACT ASPIRE TESTING

The ACT Aspire Test and Pre-ACT 8/9 Test are end-of-year district-wide assessments that measures what students have learned in the areas of English, Reading, Science, and Math. Due to changes in the pandemic restrictions, the district announced that the ACT Aspire Test (Grades 6 and 7) and Pre-ACT 8/9 Test (Grade 8) would take place during the second semester. All students took part in the ACT Aspire Test and Pre-ACT 8/9 Test from April 19, 2022, to April 29, 2022. The following graphs will share the results.



FINANCES

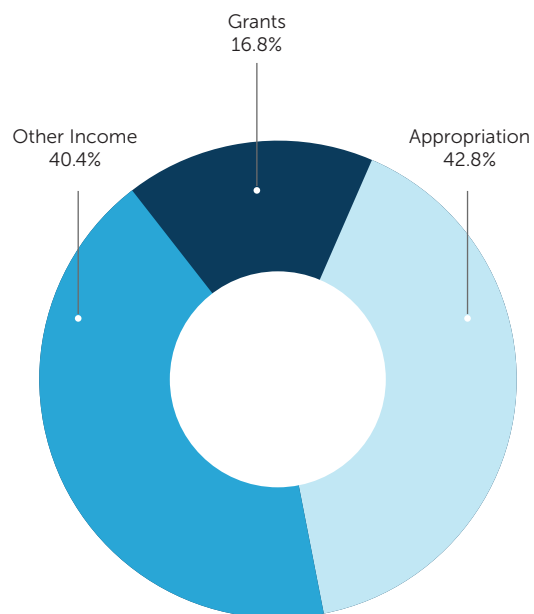
FY2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As a charter school, SiFA LACS receives Government of Guam (GovGuam) appropriation based on enrollment at \$6,200 per pupil.
- SiFA LACS received the necessary Pandemic Protective Equipment through the Educational Stabilization Fund (CARES ACT) and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Consolidated Grant.

REVENUE

- Appropriation – Student: \$2,105,334
- Grants: \$828,209
- Other Income: \$1,989,720

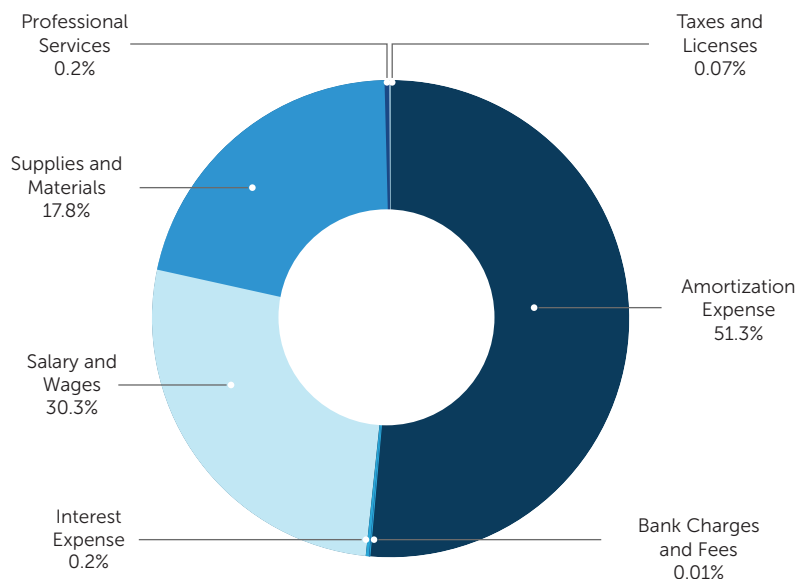
Total Revenue: \$4,923,263



EXPENSES

- Amortization Expense: \$2,393,040
- Interest Expense: \$9,805
- Salary and Wages: \$1,415,561
- Supplies and Materials: \$832,144
- Professional Services: \$11,588
- Taxes and Licenses: \$3,475
- Bank Charges and Fees: \$442

Total Expenses: \$4,666,055



FUTURE OUTLOOK

ACCREDITATION

SiFA LACS was granted initial accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) Accreditation in July 2022. Our team is currently working on the self-study report which is due SY 2024-2025.

PANDEMIC READINESS

In August 2021, the government mandated that schools be virtual for the opening of the school year. SiFA LACS operated at 100% virtual learning for the first semester. Hybrid instruction began in the second semester, with 100% virtual learning mode offered for families not comfortable returning to campus.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2nd Place (Middle School Division) - 2022 Guam Child Care Art Contest
- 2nd Place - Guam Contractors Association Pizza Pop and Power Tools Competition (Individual)
- Completion of School Spelling Bee (Advanced to Island-wide Competition March 2022)
- Completion of School Science Fair (Advanced to Island-wide Competition May 2022)

CHALLENGES

The SiFA LACS curriculum is unique in that it is aligned to both Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with a scaffolding structure that introduces students to multiple disciplines throughout the school year. While we see success in the classroom, one challenge is for the students' achievements to also reflect on standardized testing. Our students scored well in the ACT Aspire and Pre-ACT assessments for English and Reading, but the scores reflected a need for improvement in Math and Science. The SY 21-22 scores show an improvement compared to the previous year's results, and our team continues to review the curriculum to further bridge the expectations of standardized assessments and maintain our NGSS scaffolded curriculum. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continued to affect the island-wide education community, including SiFA LACS. The school continues to make multiple plans in order to respond to government mandates, and we are hopeful steadier operations as regulations continue to ease and allow more in-person interactions.

