

The Preuss School UC San Diego

School Profile 2023-2024

School Code (CEEB): 051479

The Preuss School UC San Diego is a public charter school providing an intensive college preparatory educational environment for students from families identified as socioeconomically disadvantaged by the state of California. These students represent the first generation in their families to graduate from a four-year college or university. Through the application of rigorous teaching, a single track college preparatory curriculum, and a number of student supports including our seven year advisory program, The Preuss School UC San Diego's mission is to create a highly enriched middle and senior high school instructional environment that will prepare graduates to distinguish themselves academically, and thus be competitive for admission to the University of California and other selective institutions of higher learning.

The Preuss School UC San Diego was founded in 1999 by the Chancellor of the University of California San Diego, based upon the Charter's agreement with San Diego City Schools. Our location is on the UC San Diego campus, giving students ready access to a variety of learning opportunities available at the university, including research, internships, cultural events, and service learning. Currently, the school has approximately 850 students, in grades 6-12.

COVID-19/Remote Learning

The Class of 2024 was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as our school entered remote learning in March of 2020. The Class of 2024 began their high school career remotely, and then returned to in person instruction in August of 2021, at the start of their 10th grade.

School Population

848 Students in Grades 6-12

93% of students qualify for Free/Reduced Price Lunch

Hispanic	57%
African American	22%
White	2%
Asian	16%
Two or More Races	2%

The student body is ethnically diverse and lives throughout San Diego County (representing over 40 different zip codes). Students typically ride the trolley to commute from distant neighborhoods in San Ysidro, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Linda Vista, and other mid-city or Southeast San Diego County locations.

Dr. Helen Griffith
Executive Director

Dr. Matthew Steitz
Principal

Danielle Agliam
Vice Principal

Kamilah Brown
Vice Principal

Accreditation and Special Recognition

U.S. News & World Report has ranked The Preuss School # 1 in San Diego the last 5 years, 2018-2022.

The Preuss School received full WASC accreditation through June 2029.

The Preuss School was selected to be one of 60 schools in the country to pilot AP African American Studies in the 2022-2023 year, and remains a pilot school in the 2023-2024 academic year.

In 2023, The Preuss School Boys Soccer team became San Diego Section CIF Division V Champions.

In 2023, The Preuss School Yearbook received best of class in the county wide competition hosted by the San Diego County Fair.

In 2023, the National Association of Special Education Teachers selected The Preuss School as an Exceptional Charter School in Special Education.

Curriculum

The Preuss School offers a rigorous **single-track curriculum** designed for students to meet and exceed college preparatory requirements. There is no general or vocational track. All students are enrolled in University Prep Advisory every year, transitioning to UC San Diego EAOP Junior/Senior Seminar in 11th and 12th grade. All advisory activities are geared toward personal development, social and emotional wellness, college and career preparation and exploration, literacy and mathematical skill reinforcement, preparation for standardized testing, and college application and admission. Only students making up deficient grades in core academic classes may take APEX or Edgenuity courses, our former and current credit recovery programs respectively.

Core Curriculum

- English – 4 Years
- Math – 3 Years (4 Recommended)
- Social Science – 3 Years (4 Recommended)
- Science – 3 Years (4 Recommended)
- World Language – 2 Years (through AP Spanish Language Recommended)
- Visual Performing Arts – 1 Year
- UCSD EAOP Junior /Senior Seminar – 2 Years
- College Prep Electives – 7 Years (from any of the above subjects)

Key Course Offerings

- English: AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition
- Social Science: Ethnic Studies, AP African American Studies, AP US History, AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP Psychology
- Math: Precalculus, Calculus, Data Science
- Science: AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Computer Science Principles
- World Language: AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- Visual and Performing Arts: AP Art History, AP Studio Art: 2D Design, AP Drawing

Class of 2023

Highest 9-12 Weighted GPA: 4.31
Lowest 9-12 Weighted GPA: 2.14
Average 9-12 Weighted GPA: 3.56

Each student takes 8 courses every year. Preuss operates on a semester system with each course earning a total of 10 credits per year. Letter grades of A, B, C, D, F, No Grade (NG), or No Mark (NM), can be awarded. NM was introduced as part of the No Harm grading policies to support students through the pandemic and remote learning. Students may repeat A-G core subject courses to replace a D or F grade, based upon availability of courses. AP courses receive a weighted grade when A, B, or C is earned.

Class Rank

The Preuss School does not report class rank. Since the senior class size is small and all students are enrolled in a rigorous college preparatory program, the school believes that class rank is not a meaningful predictor of college academic potential and future success.

AP Test Results May 2023

All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP Exam.

269* AP Students with total of 623* AP Exams taken in 14 subjects
33% of exams received a score of 3 or higher

37 AP Scholars
8 AP Scholars with Honor
7 AP Scholars with Distinction

**Does not include pilot exam for AP African American Studies*

Colleges Accepting Preuss Graduates 2010-2023

Amherst College
Bates College
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Cal Lutheran
Claremont McKenna College
Clark-Atlanta University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Cal Poly Pomona
CSU Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Chico
CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU East Bay
CSU Humboldt
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Maritime Academy
CSU Northridge
CSU Sacramento
CSU San Bernardino
CSU San Jose
CSU San Marcos
CSU Stanislaus
Dartmouth College
Denison University
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Mills College
Mount St. Mary's College

New York University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University Fort Wayne
San Diego Christian College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sonoma State University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Thiel College
Trinity College
Tufts University
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
University of Pennsylvania
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
Westmont College
Whittier College
Yale University