

The Preuss School UCSD
Fall 2014 Admissions Application
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to apply to The Preuss School UCSD?

There are three requirements:

1. All families must meet income eligibility criteria as defined by Federal guidelines.
 - For more information please visit <http://preuss.ucsd.edu/admissions>
2. Parents or guardians are NOT graduates of a four-year college or university.
3. The student must submit a completed application by the deadline.

How does The Preuss School select students for acceptance?

The Preuss School reviews every application that is submitted. If a student meets all three requirements for admission, they are entered into a lottery and are selected at random.

Why do you have a lottery?

The Preuss School receives hundreds of applications. Typically, we have more student applicants that meet all three requirements than we do number of available spots. For this reason, we must hold a lottery to randomly select students.

If I do not live in La Jolla, can my student still apply to The Preuss School?

Yes. The Preuss School accepts students from the greater San Diego Area. All qualified applicants will go through the same application process and lottery with no preference given to families that live in the La Jolla area. However, transportation is not guaranteed for all areas in San Diego.

My child will be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in Fall 2014, can he/she still apply?

No. The Preuss School only accepts applications from students entering the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade. There are no exceptions to this policy.

What if we can't find the student's teacher from the previous year to fill out the recommendation?

You can give the letter of recommendation to another teacher or counselor from the previous or current school year.

What if the student's current teacher is the same as the previous teacher?

If the child has the same teacher, give the second letter of recommendation to a teacher from two or three years prior or to a counselor at the school.

How do I know if my student's teacher, counselor or principal submitted their recommendation?

The Preuss School will notify you by mail when the application is complete.

What if the student has never taken the STAR test?

Include a note in the application stating the reason why the student has not taken the STAR test. If the student took a similar type of standardized examination, such as the Iowa test, please include those scores.

What is an IEP?

Individualized Education Program. If you have not heard of it, your child most likely does not have one.

The student does have an IEP; will that affect their chances of getting in?

Absolutely not; admissions to The Preuss School is on a nonsectarian basis, and does not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of ethnicity, special needs, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

What if I do not file Income Taxes but we receive Welfare, CalWorks, SSI or other government assistance?

Turn in a copy of all the documentation that show how much government aid you received each month for 2012.

What if I filed taxes in 2012 but I am now unemployed?

You must turn in a COPY of your 2012 income tax return. Your income level will initially be evaluated based on your 2012 income. If you qualify, we will also look at your 2013 income. If you currently do not qualify but will in the near future, we encourage you to apply then.

What if the child is a foster child?

You must provide up-to-date legal court documentation proving the child is a foster child and how much aid they receive monthly. You must also include a copy of your income taxes and your W-2 form. Please attach a note describing the situation.

The student currently has a brother/sister attending Preuss, does that guarantee that they will be accepted?

No. There is no preference given to student applicants with brothers/sisters/cousins/neighbors already enrolled at Preuss.

Can I fax my application or my taxes?

No. Due to the confidential nature of the information on the application we do not accept any applications by fax. You can mail the application to the school or drop it off in the front office.

How do I know that The Preuss School has received my application and that it is complete?

We will be sending you important information via mail letting you know if your application is complete or incomplete and informing you that we have received your materials. We may also contact you by phone if we need additional documents.

When will we find out if the student is accepted?

Admissions decisions will be made in late March and notifications will be mailed home in early April. We will not have the decisions before that and therefore cannot provide information regarding the acceptance of the student prior to early April.

I am not sure how to fill out a certain section of the application, where can I get help?

Try asking your student's current teacher for help. If they are unable to help you, you may contact the Admissions Office at (858) 658-7215.

Can I take a blank application to the Admissions Office and get help filling out the entire application?

Due to the large amount of applications The Preuss School receives, we are unable to provide step by step individual help in filling out the application. We can answer questions about specific sections but we cannot fill out the entire application for you.

We will be hosting workshops for families who would like additional help with filling out the applications. When the dates and locations are selected, they will be posted on The Preuss School website.

I have a question that is not answered on here, who can I contact?

You may contact the Admissions Office at (858) 658-7215 Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm.

Where can we find more information about The Preuss School?

You may visit our website at <http://preuss.ucsd.edu> for more information about our school or call the Admissions Office at 858-658-7215.

You may also attend our Open House on Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 from 10:00am-12:30pm.