

# The Preuss School UC San Diego

A National Blue Ribbon School

## School Profile 2022-2023

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School  
UC San Diego

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### About The Preuss School UC San Diego

The Preuss School UC San Diego is a public charter school providing an intensive college preparatory educational environment for low income students who 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.

The Preuss School UC San Diego began in the Fall of 1999 with 150 students in grades 6-8. Currently the school has 853 students, in grades 6-12. The student body is ethnically diverse and lives throughout San Diego County (representing over 40 different zip codes). Students ride multiple modes of transportation to commute from distant neighborhoods in San Ysidro, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Linda Vista, and other mid-city or Southeast San Diego County locations.

The Preuss School UC San Diego provides an environment in which students are continually encouraged and empowered to develop a greater sense of self actualization and a sense of pride in their academic accomplishments. The Preuss School UC San Diego fosters a culture of high academic performance in an environment that encourages risk-taking. Students are taught the art of questioning as well as logical and critical thinking. The Preuss School UC San Diego also sees as its mission, the development of personal character, healthy lifestyles, good judgment, and ethical behavior. It is further recognized that students' families, community institutions, and the School share responsibility for encouraging young people to develop both as scholars and as citizens.

The Class of 2023 was particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as our school entered remote learning in March of 2020. The Class of 2023 began attending school remotely in Spring of their 9th grade year, and then returned to in person instruction in August of 2021.

### School Population

Total 840 Students in Grades 6-12  
100% of students receive Free/Reduced Price Lunch

Hispanic	60%
African American	21%
White	1%
Asian	17%
American Indian	1%

### Accreditation and Special Recognitions

- ❖ The Preuss School has been named the nation's top "miracle high school" and #1 Transformative High School by Newsweek magazine, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- ❖ The Washington Post ranked The Preuss School #4 in California, and #1 in San Diego County in 2019 and 2020.
- ❖ U.S. News & World Report has ranked The Preuss School # 1 in San Diego the last 5 years, 2018-2022.
- ❖ The Preuss School was named a NASSP Breakthrough School in 2012, and then was one of the schools successfully Redesignated as a Breakthrough School in 2017.
- ❖ The Preuss School UC San Diego is a 2010 High Performing National Blue Ribbon School, and also a 2012 California Distinguished School.
- ❖ WASC full accreditation granted through 2023.
- ❖ 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.

### AP Test Results May 2022

358 AP Students with total of 753 AP Exams taken in 17 subjects  
30% of exams received a score of 3 or higher

38 AP Scholars  
8 AP Scholars with Honor  
11 AP Scholars with Distinction  
AP Equity & Excellence Graduating Class Summary 71.3%

### Class of 2022 Average Test Scores and GPA

\* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in Test Optional Policies, not enough data was available to report average SAT and ACT test score information for the Class of 2022.

### 9-12 Total Weighted Cumulative GPA:

Average Overall Total GPA: 3.46

Highest GPA: 4.30                      Mean GPA: 3.46  
Lowest GPA: 1.87                      Median GPA: 3.50

### Grading Scale and Policy on Class Rank

A = 4.0	The Preuss School does not report class rank.
B = 3.0	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.
C = 2.0	
D = 1.0	
F = 0.0	
No Grade (NG) = 0.0	*NM grade was introduced as part of the No Harm grading policies to support students through the pandemic and remote learning.
No Mark* (NM) = 0.0	

### Transcript Explanation

Each student takes 8 full-year 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. 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. Academic GPA for grades 9-12 and grades 10-12 are noted on the transcript, as well as total GPA for grades 9-12 which includes all courses.

## Curriculum

The Preuss School offers only one curriculum designed for students to meet the University of California's "A-G" requirements. There is no general or vocational track. All high school students take four years of mathematics, four years of English, four years of science (students can only take one among the AP science courses offered), Spanish up through AP Spanish Language, four years of history/social science, and three years of college preparatory electives including Visual and Performing Arts. 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. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP Exam. Only students making up deficient grades in core academic classes may take APEX or Edgenuity courses, our former and current credit recovery programs.

## Course List

### History/Social Science

AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (*College Board pilot course for the 2022-2023 academic year*)  
AP EUROPEAN HISTORY  
AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS  
AP US HISTORY  
ETHNIC STUDIES FOUNDATIONS

### English

ADVANCED ENGLISH 9  
ADVANCED ENGLISH 10  
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE/COMP  
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE/COMP

### Mathematics

CALCULUS  
INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III  
PRECALCULUS

### Science

AP BIOLOGY  
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
ADVANCED BIOLOGY  
ADVANCED CHEMISTRY  
ASTRONOMY  
COMPUTER SCIENCE  
MARINE SCIENCE  
PHYSICS  
PRE-ENGINEERING AND DESIGN  
PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING

### Language Other than English

AP CHINESE LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LITERATURE  
SPANISH I, II, III, IV  
MANDARIN I & II

### Visual and Performing Arts

AP ART HISTORY  
AP DRAWING  
AP MUSIC THEORY  
AP STUDIO ART  
CHOIR, HONORS CHOIR  
DRAMA I, II & HONORS  
INTRODUCTION TO PIANO & GUITAR

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
ORCHESTRA, HONORS ORCHESTRA  
STUDIO ART I & II, STUDIO ART II HONORS

### College Prep Electives

JOURNALISM  
READERS & WRITER'S WORKSHOP FOR UNIVERSITY PREP  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
UCSD EAOP SENIOR/JUNIOR SEMINAR  
YEARBOOK

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### Graduating Class of 2022 (116 graduates)

97% of students were accepted to an undergraduate/4-year college

### College Enrollment Plans:

36% University of California  
41% California State University  
6% Private or Out-of-State 4 Year Colleges  
16% Community College

### Colleges enrolling 2010-2022 Preuss School Graduates:

Amherst College	CSU San Jose
Pitzer College	UC Irvine
Bates College	CSU San Marcos
Point Loma Nazarene University	UC Los Angeles
Boston College	CSU Stanislaus
Pomona College	UC Merced
Bowdoin College	Claremont McKenna College
Princeton University	UC Riverside
Brown University	Colorado College
Purdue University Fort Wayne	UC San Diego
College of the Holy Cross	Columbia University
San Diego Christian College	UC Santa Barbara
Cornell University	Dartmouth College
San Diego State University	UC Santa Cruz
CSU Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Denison University
San Francisco State University	University of Pennsylvania
CSU Cal Poly Pomona	Duke University
San Jose State University	University of Redlands
CSU Bakersfield	Emory University
Santa Clara University	University of Rochester
CSU Channel Islands	University of San Diego
Sonoma State University	Georgetown University
CSU Chico	University of San Francisco
CSU Dominguez Hills	Gonzaga University
Stanford University	University of Southern California
CSU East Bay	Harvard University
Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
CSU Humboldt	Harvey Mudd College
Swarthmore College	Villanova University
CSU Long Beach	Johns Hopkins University
Syracuse University	Wesleyan University
CSU Los Angeles	Lehigh University
Thiel College	Wellesley College
CSU Maritime Academy	Mills College
Trinity College	Western New England University
CSU Northridge	Mount St. Mary's College
Tufts University	Westmont College
CSU Sacramento	New York University
UC Berkeley	Whittier College
CSU San Bernardino	Yale University
UC Davis	Brigham Young University
Cal Lutheran	Clark-Atlanta University