

ANNUAL INFORMATION NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

The Preuss School UC San Diego • 2026–2027 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Section 48980 of the Education Code of California requires that notice be given at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term to the parent or guardian of minor pupils regarding the rights of the parent or guardian under various sections of the Education Code. Section 48982 requires that this Notice be signed and returned by the parent or guardian to the school.

Electronic or Physical Signature and return of the attached form is acknowledgement that you have been informed of your rights but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has either been given or withheld.

Some legislation requires additional notification to parents or guardians during the school term or prior to a specific activity. A separate letter will be sent prior to any such activities, and students will be excused whenever parents or guardians file a written statement requesting their child not participate. This notice may be provided in electronic format upon parent request, with a signed acknowledgment of receipt required.

STUDENT/STAFF CONDUCT

SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT (EDC §234.1 & 234.6)

The Preuss School UC San Diego is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free from bullying, discrimination, harassment, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including immigration status, as defined in Penal Code §422.55 and Education Code §220. Any student who engages in such conduct may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Per SB 153 (2024), the school's adopted anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policy must be displayed in areas accessible to and commonly frequented by employees, pupils, and members of the public at each school site, including school office lobbies, staff lounges, pupil government meeting rooms, and the school's website. The Bullying Prevention Policy is also available at: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (EDC §44050)

The Preuss School UC San Diego expects all staff, faculty, volunteers, independent contractors, board members, and others participating in school activities to maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in their conduct with students. Staff are role models for students, whether on or off school property and during or outside of school hours. Interactions between staff and students must be based on mutual respect, trust, an understanding of appropriate boundaries, and the educational mission of the school.

Any type of romantic or sexual relationship, sexual contact, or behavior of a sexual nature between staff and an enrolled student is strictly prohibited, regardless of who initiates such behavior. Staff are strictly prohibited from forcing social and/or personal relationships with students outside the classroom. The policy for Professional Boundaries & Electronic Communications is also available at: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in any romantic or sexual relationship with students, including dating, flirting, kissing, inappropriate physical affection, or sexually suggestive comments;
- Fostering or participating in emotionally or socially intimate relationships with students through communication or gift-giving;
- Initiating or continuing communications with students for reasons unrelated to educational purposes (including text, email, social media, or other electronic communication);
- Socializing with students outside of instructional time;
- Providing alcohol or drugs to students;
- Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including physical violence, threats, or possession of a weapon;
- Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior toward students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members.

Any person with knowledge or suspicion of an improper relationship between a student and staff member must immediately report to school administration. Allegations will be promptly investigated and treated as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Staff, students, and witnesses who make a good-faith report shall be protected from retaliation.

DRESS CODE (EDC §35183)

The Preuss School UC San Diego maintains a dress code to establish a professional appearance, a sense of community, and to avoid disruptions in the school environment. Each scholar is provided a Preuss polo upon enrollment. No pupil shall be penalized academically or denied attendance if their parents choose not to comply with the dress code policy. An opt-out form is available in the front office. If a family cannot afford a uniform, please contact the front office.

All components of your chosen attire should comply with the school colors as outlined in the table below.

Grade Level	Tops	Bottoms	Footwear	Outerwear
Middle School	Maroon or Navy polo with Preuss embroidery. Abayas must be dark blue, brown, or maroon.	Khaki or Navy slacks, shorts, or skirts (plaid ok). No sweatpants or leggings.	Closed-toed, closed-heel. No Crocs, slippers, or slides.	Navy or Maroon jackets/sweaters, either plain or with Preuss embroidery. Hijabs: navy, brown, or maroon.
High School	White or Light-Blue polo or collared button-up shirt with Preuss embroidery. Abayas must be dark blue, brown, or maroon.	Khaki or Gray slacks, shorts, or skirts (plaid ok). No sweatpants or leggings.	Closed-toed, closed-heel. No Crocs, slippers, or slides.	Navy or Maroon jackets/sweaters, either plain or with Preuss embroidery. Hijabs: navy, white, grey, or blue.

Fridays: Scholars may choose to wear approved Preuss organization T-shirts or UCSD attire.

Headwear: Hoods should be worn only for religious or weather-related needs and should not be worn indoors.

Outerwear: A polo or button-up collared shirt must be worn underneath any outerwear.

SCHOOL RECORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT

PUPIL RECORDS / NOTICE OF PRIVACY RIGHTS (EDC §49063 ET SEQ., FERPA)

Federal and state laws concerning student records grant certain rights of privacy and right of access to students and their parents. Full access to all personally identifiable written records maintained by the school must be granted to: (1) parents of students 17 and younger; (2) parents of students 18 and older if the student is a dependent for tax purposes and the records are needed for a legitimate educational purpose; (3) students age 18 and older ("eligible students"); (4) pupils age 14 and over who are identified as both homeless and an unaccompanied youth; (5) individuals who have completed and signed a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit.

Parents or eligible students may review individual records by making a request to the principal. The school must respond within five business days. Information alleged to be inaccurate or inappropriate may be removed upon request. Copies may be obtained at reasonable cost. Policies relating to location, types, and access to records are available through the principal. When a student transfers, records will be forwarded within ten school days upon request.

If you believe the school is not in compliance with federal privacy regulations, you may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education (20 USC §1232g).

RELEASE OF PUPIL DIRECTORY INFORMATION (EDC §49073; FERPA; EDC §48980)

The Preuss School makes student directory information available in accordance with state and federal law, including FERPA, to individuals and organizations with a legitimate educational purpose, except as restricted by parent or eligible student request. Directory information includes: name, birth date, address, telephone number, email address, major course of study, participation in officially recognized school activities, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous school. In addition, height and weight of athletes may be disclosed, and names and addresses of seniors may be provided to postsecondary institutions.

Student directory information may also be shared with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) to provide students and families with information about online tools and resources for college and career planning, as required by SB 153 (2024) and FERPA.

Directory information does NOT include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin, except where the school receives consent as required under state law. Directory information related to homeless or unaccompanied youths will not be released without express written consent.

Parents of students age 17 or younger, or eligible students age 18 and older, may request in writing that directory information be withheld. Requests must be submitted to the Preuss Registrar (preussregistrar@ucsd.edu) within 30 calendar days of receipt of this notification.

The policy for Directory Release and Information on Student Records is available at:
<https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS (EDC §49073.5; 20 USC §7908)

Parents of secondary students may request in writing that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to armed forces recruiters without prior written parental consent. To require prior written consent, please submit a written request to: preussregistrar@ucsd.edu

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICES

ASBESTOS (40 CFR 763.84, 40 CFR 763.93)

The Preuss School UC San Diego has a plan for eliminating health risks created by the presence of asbestos in school buildings. At least once each year, the school will post notification of inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities that are planned or in progress. UC San Diego's Asbestos Management Program (PPM 516-2 Policy) is available on the UCSD Environmental Health & Safety website:

<https://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/occupational/hazard-control/asbestos/>

EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS (EDC §49414)

The Preuss School UC San Diego is staffed by a Registered Nurse who maintains emergency epinephrine auto-injectors ("epi-pens") in the Nurse's Suite, available for emergency use. The nurse offers voluntary annual training to staff personnel on how to administer epi-pens to a person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from anaphylaxis. Staff who volunteer to be trained will receive a description of the training and the location of the epinephrine auto-injectors on campus.

FIREARM SAFETY (EDC §48986)

This notification reminds parents and legal guardians of all Preuss School students of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. Firearms must be stored in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition. A sample notification template in both English and Spanish is available on the CDE Violence Prevention webpage:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/ss/vp/>

SYNTHETIC DRUGS / FENTANYL DANGERS (EDC §48985.5)

The illicit use and abuse of synthetic drugs represents an ongoing public health threat in California. A synthetic drug is a drug with properties and effects similar to a known hallucinogen or narcotic but having a slightly altered chemical structure, especially such a drug created to evade restrictions against illegal substances. Synthetic drugs include but are not limited to synthetic cannabinoids ("synthetic marijuana," "spice," "k2"), methamphetamines, bath salts, and fentanyl.

Social media platforms are being used to market and sell synthetic drugs such as fentanyl. Illicit fentanyl can be added to other drugs to make them cheaper, more powerful, and more addictive, and has been found in heroin, methamphetamine, counterfeit pills, and cocaine. Fentanyl mixed with any drug increases the likelihood of a fatal overdose. It is nearly impossible to detect fentanyl without testing, as it cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. Additional information is available from the California Department of Public Health's Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/SAPB/Pages/About-SAPB.aspx>

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES / IMMUNIZATIONS (EDC §48216, §49403; HSC §120325, §120335)

The Preuss School complies with California immunization requirements for all students. All students entering kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or advancing from sixth to seventh grade must comply with Health and Safety Code §120335, unless a valid physician's exemption meeting the requirements of HSC §120372 is provided. Personal belief exemptions are no longer accepted. Parents will be notified when students are deficient in immunization records.

CONTINUING MEDICATION REGIMEN (EDC §49480)

The parent or legal guardian of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition must inform the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. Policies regarding administration of medications at school are available from the school nurse at preussnurse@ucsd.edu

STUDENT SERVICES

PREGNANT AND PARENTING PUPILS (EDC §§221.51, 222, 222.5, 46015)

The Preuss School UC San Diego may not exclude or deny any pupil from any educational program or activity on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom. These conditions shall be treated the same as any other temporary disabling condition. A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to 8 weeks of parental leave, or additional leave if medically necessary. During parental leave, absences shall be excused and no academic work shall be required. After returning, a pupil may resume their prior course of study, make up work missed, and take a fifth year of high school instruction if necessary to complete graduation requirements. The school shall provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil. A pupil shall not incur an academic penalty for using these accommodations.

HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE (EDC §48851)

The Preuss School UC San Diego administers a housing questionnaire annually for all parents/guardians and unaccompanied youths for the purpose of identifying homeless children and youth. The questionnaire includes an explanation of the rights and protections available to homeless students and unaccompanied youth. It is available in paper form and in English; it will also be provided in Spanish (as more than 15% of our student population speaks Spanish as a primary language) and in other languages upon request.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION (EDC §49381)

The Preuss School, serving grades 6-12, identifies and implements effective methods for informing parents and guardians about available human trafficking prevention resources. Information about prevention resources, including phone numbers and website addresses, is available on the school's website under student safety resources. The National Human Trafficking Hotline can be reached at 1-888-373-7888 or by texting 233733.

CHILDREN IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS (42 USC §§11431–11435; EDC §48852.6)

Homeless children and youth have the right to immediate enrollment in school and access to all school programs and services. The school's homeless liaison (Wendy Panagos, wpanagos@ucsd.edu) is available to assist students and families in accessing services. Information regarding the rights of homeless students is posted on the school's website. <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Preuss School UC San Diego offers multiple forms of mental health support. Our team includes three school counselors, a family support specialist, a nurse, and a school psychologist. The Learning Services team—comprised of educational specialists, instructional aides, and a speech and language pathologist—supports students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs). The school also collaborates with Operation Samahan (OPSAM) Health, Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC), and visiting military family therapists.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION / CHILD FIND SYSTEM (EDC §56301)

Any parent suspecting that a child has exceptional needs may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services through the school principal and the student's designated academic counselor. The school annually notifies all parents of their rights pursuant to EC §56300. All children with disabilities residing in the state, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who are in need of special education and related services, shall be identified, located, and assessed. The Preuss School Child Find Policies and Procedures are available here:

<https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPLAINTS (5 CCR §3080)

If you believe that the Preuss School is in violation of federal or state law governing the identification or placement of a special education student, you may file a written complaint with the school. Please reference section on "Uniform Complaint Procedures" to access the complaint form and instructions on filing. Parents may also file a complaint directly with the California Department of Education using the CDE Special Education Compliance Complaint form, available at www.cde.ca.gov.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (IDEA)

State and federal law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) requires that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities ages 3 through 21. All IDEA notice requirements apply to the Preuss School. Parents have the right to inspect, review, and obtain copies of their child's educational records and are entitled to annual notification of this right. More information concerning student eligibility, parental rights, and procedural safeguards is available upon request.

SECTION 504 / DISABLED PUPILS (SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973)

The Preuss School UC San Diego does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, or sexual orientation, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes in Penal Code §422.55, including immigration status. The school provides a free appropriate public education to qualified students who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Parents should reach out to their child's advisory teacher and/or assigned counselor for any accommodation considerations. For more information, visit:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/hq5269.html>

STUDENT NONDISCRIMINATION

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION (TITLE VI, TITLE IX, ADA, SECTION 504, EDC §200 ET SEQ.)

The Preuss School UC San Diego is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. The school's programs and activities shall be free from harassment, discrimination, or bullying based on sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression, gender identity, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, immigration status, or any other unlawful consideration. The school shall promote programs that ensure discriminatory practices are eliminated in all school activities.

Any scholar who engages in prohibited harassment, discrimination, or bullying may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits or engages in such conduct may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any scholar or parent/guardian who feels that harassment, discrimination, or bullying has occurred should immediately contact a teacher or the Principal. School Policies on Bullying Prevention, Nondiscrimination, and Sexual Harassment are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/about-preuss/policies.html>

NON-DISCRIMINATION / BULLYING AND HARASSMENT NOTICE (EDC §234.1; SB 153, 2024)

The Preuss School has adopted a policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Per SB 153 (2024), the school's adopted policy must be displayed in areas accessible to employees, pupils, and members of the public, including school office lobbies, staff lounges, pupil government meeting rooms, and the school's website. School Policies on Bullying Prevention, Nondiscrimination, and Sexual Harassment are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/about-preuss/policies.html>

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS (EDC §234.7)

Children have a right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or religious beliefs. No information about citizenship or immigration status, or Social Security number, is required to enroll in school. The school will not release information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, except as required by law or court order.

Parents have the option to provide emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for a minor student in the event the parent is detained or deported. Parents may also complete a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian to authorize a trusted adult to make educational and medical decisions for a minor. The California Attorney General's "know your rights" resources are available at: <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/rights>

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY (EDC §231.5; 5 CCR §4917)

The Preuss School prohibits sexual harassment in the educational setting, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. The school prohibits conduct that negatively impacts a scholar's academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, and prohibits submission to sexual conduct as a condition of academic benefits. Scholars should report sexual harassment to the Principal, Vice Principal, counselor, or teacher. Violations of this policy may result in suspension or expulsion. School Policy on Sexual Harassment is available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/about-preuss/policies.html>

TITLE IX NOTICE (TITLE IX OF THE U.S. EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972)

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, in all schools receiving federal funding. The Preuss School does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities. This requirement extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the school's Title IX Coordinator or to the Assistant Secretary of Education. Complaints alleging noncompliance may also be directed to the school's Superintendent. The school's nondiscrimination policy and Title IX policy is available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

CURRICULUM, TESTING, AND INSTRUCTION

INSTRUCTION IN COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND HIV PREVENTION (EDC §51938)

The Preuss School will annually notify parents about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and research on student health behaviors and risks planned for the school year. Written and audiovisual educational materials are available for inspection. If instruction is arranged after the beginning of the school year, parents will be notified no fewer than 14 days in advance.

Parents have the right to excuse their child from all or part of this instruction by submitting a written request to the school. Students whose parents do not submit such a request will receive the instruction. The law also authorizes the school, without prior parental consent, to use anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student health behaviors and risks in grades 7–12. The school must notify parents before such tools are administered and provide an opportunity to review the materials.

PARTICIPATION IN STATE ASSESSMENTS AND OPTION TO REQUEST EXEMPTION (EDC §60615; 5 CCR §852)

The Preuss School UC San Diego is required to participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), and students in applicable grades will participate therein, unless exempted as provided by law. A parent's or guardian's written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP shall be granted. Upon request, parents have a right to information on the level of their student's achievement on every state academic assessment administered.

CAL GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE (EDC §69432.9)

The Preuss School is required by state law to submit the Grade Point Average (GPA) of all high school seniors to the California Student Aid Commission by October 1 of each year, unless the student (if over 18) or the parent/guardian (if the student is under 18) opts out. Students currently in eleventh (11th) grade will be deemed Cal Grant applicants unless they or their parent/guardian has opted out by or before February 1.

LONG-TERM ENGLISH LEARNER NOTIFICATION (EDC §312.2, §440)

The Preuss School is committed to the success of its English Learners. Support will be offered within academic classes and in supplemental settings. Parents or guardians shall receive notice of the assessment of their child's English language proficiency no later than 30 days after the start of the school year. This notice will include: (1) whether the child is a long-term English learner (LTEL) or at risk of becoming one; (2) the manner in which English language development instruction will meet the needs of LTELs; and (3) how the program will help students develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards.

DUAL ENROLLMENT OR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CLASSES (EDC §48980.6)

The Preuss School will notify parents or guardians of scholars admitted to or advancing to grades 7 to 12 of any dual enrollment or International Baccalaureate courses offered by the school. There are no current dual enrollment or IB course offerings by the school for the 2026-2027 school year.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS / FEDERAL TITLE I FUNDING NOTIFICATION (ESSA §116)

The Preuss School UC San Diego is a recipient of Title I federal funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The school shall provide each parent timely notice if their student has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area assigned.

As a Title I school, the school is also required to provide parents with: a copy of the school's Title I parent/family engagement policy and School-Parent Compact; information on whether the student's teacher has met state licensing

requirements; whether the student is served by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications; information on the level of academic growth and achievement of the pupil; and information on state testing and assessments, including the ability to opt out of testing. The Parent Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE TRANSFERABILITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE (EC §47605(C))

The Preuss School UC San Diego is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Courses offered by the school are considered transferable, and courses approved by the University of California or California State University under the "A to G" admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements. The UC Approved A-G course descriptions offered at Preuss are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/current-students/academics.html>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Scholars must complete 270 credits in required subject areas to qualify for The Preuss School UC San Diego High School diploma. In addition to meeting graduation requirements, all scholars must complete an internship and research paper within their Senior Wheel course, a service learning project in junior year, and present all three at a Senior Exhibition.

Individuals with Exceptional Needs (EC §51225.31): Before a student commences grade 10, the student's IEP team shall determine and notify the parent or guardian of whether the student may be eligible to graduate pursuant to the exemption for students with exceptional needs.

Other Specific Populations (EC §512251(d)(1)(A)): Students in foster care, homeless, from military families, migratory students, former juvenile court school students, and newcomer students (collectively, "Highly Mobile Youth") who transfer after completing their second year of high school may be exempt from locally adopted graduation requirements that exceed statewide minimums. The school shall notify a Highly Mobile Youth Student and their educational rights holder within 30 calendar days of transfer that they may qualify for this exemption.

PROCEDURAL RESOURCES / MISCELLANEOUS

PUPIL FEES (EDC §49010 ET SEQ.)

The Preuss School UC San Diego may not require students to pay a fee for participation in any educational activity, including curricular or extracurricular activities. The school has established policies for filing a complaint of noncompliance through the Uniform Complaint Procedures. Notice of the school's fee policies and complaint process is provided to students, parents, and employees on an annual basis.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (UCP) ANNUAL NOTICE (5 CCR §§4600–4694)

The Preuss School annually notifies students, employees, parents or guardians, school advisory committees, and other interested parties of our Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP). The school is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group. The UCP Annual Notice is available on the school's website. Any complaints regarding noncompliance may be filed through the Charter School's Uniform Complaint Procedures, which are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/files/Universal%20Complaint%20Procedure%20and%20Form.pdf>

MULTILINGUAL TRANSLATION NOTIFICATION (EC §48985)

As more than 15% of the student population speaks Spanish as a primary language, The Preuss School UC San Diego is committed to sending all notices, reports, statements, and written records in both Spanish and English. Translations into other languages are available upon request.

RIGHT TO REFRAIN FROM HARMFUL USE OF ANIMALS (EDC §32255 ET SEQ.)

Students with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming animals may opt out of such educational projects after notifying the school of their objection, in accordance with the procedures set forth in EC §32255.1. This applies to all K–12 public school programs.

SCHOOL BUSES / PASSENGER SAFETY (EDC §39831.5)

The Preuss School is required to provide safety regulations to all new students and students who have not previously been transported by school bus. In the event of an emergency, follow the directions of the school bus driver. Walk; do not run. Emergency exits are clearly marked and include side door(s), rear door/window, and roof vent(s). Passengers beside an emergency exit door should open the door, exit, stand on each side of the open door, assist other passengers, and direct them to reassemble at least 100 feet from the bus.

Danger zones extend 12 feet from the sides and front of the bus and 20 feet from the rear. All passengers must enter and exit in an orderly fashion, remain seated facing forward, and keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. Students crossing the street must do so in front of the bus only after the driver has signaled it is safe.

The School Policies on School Bus Transportation and Code of Conduct while on buses and at bus stops are available here: <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/aboutpreuss/policies.html>

GOOGLE AND THIRD-PARTY APP USE / DATA COLLECTION

The Preuss School UC San Diego uses Google Workspace for Education and other third-party software applications to create and manage accounts for students. These accounts allow students to use Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and other services to complete assignments and communicate with teachers. For information on what personal information Google collects, how it is used, and how it is disclosed, please visit the Google for Education Privacy page: https://workspace.google.com/terms/education_privacy/

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATORY MATERIALS AND ACTIONS (AB 715, 2025; EC §33803)

The Preuss School ensures that any curriculum, instructional, or professional development materials adopted or used do not subject students to unlawful discrimination. If the school knows or has reason to know that discriminatory materials or actions were used, it must promptly investigate and remediate the issue, which may include restorative justice practices. Parents and guardians are hereby notified of these protections, requirements, and responsibilities.

CCGI / FERPA NOTICE (SB 153, 2024; EDC §48980)

As of 2024, compliance with FERPA requires schools to annually notify parents/guardians that student data may be shared with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) to provide students and families with information about online tools and resources for college and career planning. This is also reflected in the Directory Information section above.

IMMIGRANT PUPILS RIGHTS NOTIFICATION (EDC §234.7(D)(1))

Except as required by state or federal law, school officials and employees may not collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. Children have a right to a free public education regardless of immigration or citizenship status or religious beliefs. Information about "know your rights" immigration enforcement is available through the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/rights> and through the school office upon request.

PUPIL NUTRITION / FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (EC §48980(B), §49510, §49558)

All students will receive nutritious meals free of charge every school day, as managed by the San Diego Unified School District Food & Nutrition Services Program. The meal programs with which the school participates are supported by federal and state reimbursements based on household income and eligibility. Families are encouraged to submit a meal application, as information collected ensures our school receives adequate funding and can offer additional benefits. Educational records on file may also be used, under appropriate circumstances, to identify students eligible for the program. If your household is selected for verification of eligibility for free and reduced meals, the school will notify the parent that the child's eligibility is being verified. For more information about SDUSD's Food and Nutrition Services Program, please visit:

https://www.sandiegounified.org/departments/food_nutrition_services_sandi_coast_cafe/our_food_programs

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION (EDC §49381)

This notice is also listed above under Student Services. The Preuss School, as a school serving grades 6–12, identifies and implements effective methods for informing parents and guardians about available human trafficking prevention resources. Resources are available on the school website under student safety resources.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT / SIGNATURE PAGE

Please sign and return this page to the school. Signature acknowledges receipt and review of this Annual Information Notice but does not indicate consent to any specific program. In lieu of signature, parents / guardians may also acknowledge receipt electronically in the Aeries Student Information System as part of the school's annual data verification process.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name (Print)

Grade / Homeroom
