

## The Preuss School UC San Diego

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**Matthew Steitz, Ed.D**  
Principal

### **Biography**

The role of an educational leader is to create a culture where every person is valued and their individual strengths are recognized and developed. Mutual respect, trust, professionalism, and continuous school improvement guide his daily work and keep him focused on exemplary scholar outcomes. “I am thrilled to join the The Preuss School team, ready to support the school’s history of transformational success, especially at a time when our educational system is challenged by a worldwide pandemic along with a revolution for social justice,” said Steitz.

Prior to joining The Preuss School, Steitz served as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Excellence, Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, as well as interim Chief Academic Officer at the Vista Unified School District. His leadership experience also includes Assistant Principal of San Marcos High School as well as Principal of Carlsbad High School.

Steitz’ experience as an educator began as a high school biology teacher where he taught Advanced Placement Biology and was part of a team of teachers that began a Freshman Academy Program to Focus on students that struggled in middle school.

A San Diego native, Steitz earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from San Diego State University, a master’s degree in educational administration from National University, and a doctor of education degree in a joint program between UC San Diego and Cal State San Marcos.