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 tutor-assisted teaching, a single track college preparatory curriculum, and a number of student supports, the Preuss School UC San Diego 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 838 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 confidence and self-worth through self-sufficiency 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.

School Population
Total 850 Students in Grades 6-12
100% of students receive Free/Reduced Price Lunch

Administration
Dr. Helen Griffith, Executive Director
Dr. Matthew Steitz, Principal
Karin Marsolais, CAO

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 4 years, 2017-2020.
❖ The Preuss School was named a NASSP Breakthrough School in 2012, and 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.

AP Test Results May 2020
358 AP Students with total of 801 AP Exams taken in 18 subjects
48% of exams received a score of 3 or higher
61% of students received a score of 3 or higher on at least 1 exam
88 AP Scholars
15 AP Scholars with Honor

AP Equity & Excellence graduating class summary 91.4%

Class of 2020 Average Test Scores and GPA

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Average Overall Total GPA: 4.09

9-12 total weighted cumulative GPA:
Highest GPA: 4.31 Mean GPA: 3.42
Lowest GPA: 1.10 Median GPA: 3.56

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
C = 2.0 students are enrolled in a rigorous college
D = 1.0 preparatory program, the school believes that
F = 0.0 class rank is not a meaningful predictor of
No Mark (NM) = 0.0 college academic potential and future success.

Transcript Explanation
Each student takes a minimum of 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, or No Mark (NM) are 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 three AP science courses offered), Spanish through AP Spanish Language, four years of history/social science, and three years of college preparatory electives including fine arts. All students are enrolled in University Prep Advisory every year, transitioning to UC San Diego EAOP Senior/Junior Seminar in 11th and 12th grade. All advisory activities are geared toward personal development, college 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 courses, our credit recovery program, which includes a combination of online and in-class instruction.

“a-g” UC Approved Course List 2020-21

A. History/Social Science
- AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
- AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
- AP US HISTORY
- ETHNIC STUDIES FOUNDATIONS
- ETHNIC STUDIES (APEX)
- EUROPEAN HISTORY (APEX)
- US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (APEX)
- US HISTORY (APEX)
- US HISTORY (APEX)
- WESTERN CIVILIZATION (APEX)

B. English
- ENGLISH 9, 10, 11, 12 (APEX)
- ADVANCED ENGLISH 9
- ADVANCED ENGLISH 10
- AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE/COMP
- AP ENGLISH LITERATURE/COMP

C. Mathematics
- CALCULUS
- INTEGRATED MATH II (APEX)
- INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III
- PRECALCULUS

D. Laboratory Science
- AP BIOLOGY
- AP CHEMISTRY
- AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- ADVANCED BIOLOGY
- UC SCOUT BIOLOGY
- ADVANCED CHEMISTRY
- ASTRONOMY
- MARINE SCIENCE
- PHYSICS

E. Language Other than English
- AP CHINESE LANGUAGE
- AP SPANISH LANGUAGE
- AP SPANISH LITERATURE
- SPANISH I, II, III, IV
- MANDARIN I & II

F. Visual and Performing Arts
- AP ART HISTORY
- AP MUSIC THEORY
- AP STUDIO ART
- CHOIR, HONORS CHOIR
- INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES
- DRAMA I & II
- STUDIO ART I & II, STUDIO ART II HONORS
- INTRODUCTION TO PIANO & MUSIC
- ORCHESTRA, HONORS ORCHESTRA

G. College Prep Electives
- ECONOMICS (APEX)
- INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIENCE
- JOURNALISM
- PRE-ENGINEERING AND DESIGN
- PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING
- READERS & WRITER’S WORKSHOP FOR UNIVERSITY PREP
- STUDENT GOVERNMENT
- UCSD EAOP SENIOR/JUNIOR SEMINAR
- YEARBOOK

Graduating Class of 2020 (105 graduates)
93% of students were accepted to an undergraduate/4-year college

College Enrollment Plans:
- 49% University of California
- 26% California State University
- 8% Private or Out-of-State 4 Year Colleges
- 17% Community College

Colleges enrolling 2010-2020 Preuss School Graduates:

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