The Preuss School UC San Diego
A National Blue Ribbon School

School Profile 2019-2020

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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 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 836 Students Grades 6-12

100% of students receive Free/Reduced Price Lunch

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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 Preuss School UC San Diego is a 2010 High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

2012 California Distinguished School.

WASC full accreditation granted through 2023

AP Test Results May 2019

342 AP Students with total of 830 AP Exams taken in 14 subjects

36% of exams received a score of 3 or higher

53% of students received a score of 3 or higher on at least 1 exam

50 AP Scholars

7 AP Scholars with Honor

AP Equity & Excellence graduating class summary 82.5%

Class of 2019 Average Test Scores and GPA

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9-12 total weighted cumulative GPA:

Highest GPA: 4.28
Mean GPA: 3.44
Lowest GPA: 2.34
Median GPA: 3.50

Grading Scale and Policy on Class Rank

A = 4.0
B = 3.0
C = 2.0
D = 1.0
F = 0.0

Ranking:
The Preuss School does not report class rank.
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.

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, or F 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’s 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 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 2019-20

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

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

c. Mathematics
   AP STATISTICS
   CALCULUS
   INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III (APEX)
   INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III
   PRECALCULUS

d. Laboratory Science
   AP BIOLOGY
   AP CHEMISTRY
   AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
   ADVANCED BIOLOGY
   ADVANCED CHEMISTRY
   ASTRONOMY
   MARINE SCIENCE
   PHYSICS

e. Language Other than English
   AP SPANISH LANGUAGE
   AP SPANISH LITERATURE
   SPANISH I
   SPANISH II
   SPANISH III
   SPANISH IV
   MANDARIN I & II

f. Visual and Performing Arts
   AP ART HISTORY
   AP MUSIC THEORY
   AP STUDIO ART
   CHOIR, HONORS CHOIR
   INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES
   INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR

g. College Prep Electives
   ECONOMICS
   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 2019 (103 graduates)
89.3% of students were accepted to an undergraduate/4-year college

College Enrollment Plans:
39.8% University of California
23.3% California State University
7.8% Private or Out-of-State 4 Year Colleges
29.1% Community College

Colleges enrolling 2010-2019 Preuss School Graduates:

- Amherst College
- Bates College
- Boston College
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Cornell University
- CSU Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- CSU Cal Poly Pomona
- CSU Bakersfield
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Chico
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Humboldt
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Los Angeles
- CSU Maritime Academy
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Sacramento
- CSU San Bernardino
- CSU San Jose
- CSU San Marcos
- CSU Stanislaus
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colorado College
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Denison University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Evergreen State College
- Georgetown University
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Harvey Mudd College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lehigh University
- Mills College
- Mount St. Mary’s College
- New York University
- NewSchool of Architecture
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwestern University

- Amherst College
- Bates College
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- San Diego Christian College
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sonoma State University
- Sonoma State University
- Stanford University
- St. Edwards University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Thiel College
- Tufts University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Redlands
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Wesleyan University
- Wellesley College
- Western New England University
- Westmont College
- Whittier College
- Williams College
- Yale University

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