

# The Preuss School UCSD

A National Blue Ribbon School

## School Profile 2018-2019

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### About The Preuss School UCSD

The Preuss School UCSD 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 UCSD 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 UCSD 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 UCSD 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 UCSD 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 UCSD 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 UCSD 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 838 Students Grades 6-12

Free/Reduced Price Lunch 100%

HISPANIC OR LATINO	64.76%
WHITE	0.84%
AMERICAN INDIAN	0.12%
ASIAN (NON-HISPANIC)	15.77%
FILIPINO (NON-HISPANIC)	0.36%
BLACK (NON-HISPANIC)	12.66%
MULTI-ETHNIC	3.23%
UNKNOWN	2.27%

### 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 UCSD is a 2010 High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

2012 California Distinguished School.

WASC full accreditation granted through 2023

### AP Test Results May 2018

336 AP Students with total of 791 AP Exams taken in 14 subjects

29% of exams received a score of 3 or higher

47.9% of students received a score of 3 or higher on at least 1 exam

45 AP Scholars

5 AP Scholars with Honor

AP Equity & Excellence graduating class summary 91.6%

### Class of 2019 Average Test Scores and GPA

SAT CR	SAT Math	SAT Total	ACT Comp
523	524	1048	20

9-12 total weighted cumulative GPA:

Highest GPA: 4.25

Mean GPA: 3.39

Lowest GPA: 2.28

Median GPA: 3.40

### 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 UCSD 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

### 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 UCSD EAOP Senior/Junior Seminar in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2018-2019

#### a. History/Social Science

U.S. HISTORY (APEX)  
EUROPEAN HISTORY (APEX)  
WESTERN CIVILIZATION (APEX)  
WESTERN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE  
AP EUROPEAN HISTORY  
AP US HISTORY  
AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

#### 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

GEOMETRY (APEX)  
INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III (APEX)  
INTEGRATED MATH I, II, III  
PRECALCULUS  
CALCULUS  
AP STATISTICS

#### d. Laboratory Science

ADVANCED BIOLOGY  
ADVANCED CHEMISTRY  
PHYSICS  
MARINE SCIENCE  
ASTRONOMY  
AP BIOLOGY  
AP CHEMISTRY  
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
APEX BIOLOGY (credit recovery including wet labs)

#### e. Language Other than English

SPANISH I  
SPANISH II  
SPANISH III  
SPANISH IV  
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LITERATURE  
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  
DRAMA I & II  
STUDIO ART 1 & II, STUDIO ART 2 HONORS  
INTRODUCTION TO PIANO & MUSIC  
ORCHESTRA, HONORS ORCHESTRA

#### g. College Prep Electives

Journalism  
Student Government  
Yearbook  
PRE -ENGINEERING AND DESIGN  
PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING  
UCSD EAOP SENIOR/JUNIOR SEMINAR  
READERS AND WRITER'S WORKSHOP FOR UNIVERSITY  
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### Graduating Class of 2018 (95 graduates)

100% of students were accepted to an undergraduate/4-year college

#### College Enrollment Plans:

45% University of California  
37% California State University  
6% Private or Out-of-State 4 Year Colleges  
12% Community College

### Colleges enrolling 2010-2018 Preuss School Graduates:

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