

# The Preuss School UC San Diego

A National Blue Ribbon School

## School Profile 2019-2020

The  
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School**  
UC San Diego

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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

HISPANIC OR LATINO	64.35 %
WHITE	1.44 %
AMERICAN INDIAN	0.12 %
ASIAN (NON-HISPANIC)	17.94 %
BLACK (NON-HISPANIC)	12.92 %
MULTI-ETHNIC	0.96 %
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 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

SAT CR	SAT Math	SAT Total	ACT Comp
551	548	1099	20

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

#### 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*.

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

### 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 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 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 HISTOY (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

DRAMA I & II  
STUDIO ART I & II, STUDIO ART II HONORS  
INTRODUCTION TO PIANO & MUSIC  
ORCHESTRA, HONORS ORCHESTRA

#### 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	Pitzer 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	Santa Clara University
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 San Jose	UC Irvine
CSU San Marcos	UC Los Angeles
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
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
NewSchool of Architecture	Williams College
Northern Arizona University	Yale University
Northwestern University	