

# The Preuss School UCSD

A National Blue Ribbon School

## School Profile 2013-2014

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### About The Preuss School UCSD

The Preuss School UCSD is 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 844 students, in grades 6-12. We graduated our first class in June 2004, and we've had 870 graduates in ten years. The student body is ethnically diverse and lives throughout San Diego County (representing over 47 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 844 Students Grades 6-12

Hispanic/Latino	68%
African American/Black	10%
Asian/Indochinese	19%
Caucasian/Other	3%

### 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 & 2013.

The Preuss School UCSD is a 2010 High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

2012 California Distinguished School.

WASC full accreditation granted through 2017.

#### California Department of Education API Results 2013

888 Academic Performance Index

#### California High School Exit Exam

CAHSEE Class of 2014: 100% passing in ELA and Math

#### AP Test Results May 2013

295 AP Students with total of 718 AP Exams taken in 13 subjects

36% of exams received a score of 3 or higher

56.6% AP students received a score of 3 or higher

53 AP Scholars

3 AP Scholars with Honor

9 AP Scholars with Distinction

### Class of 2014 Average Test Scores and GPA

SAT CR	SAT Math	SAT WR	SAT Total	ACT Comp
495	501	486	1483	20

9-12 total weighted cumulative GPA:

Highest GPA: 4.21

Mean GPA 3.29

Lowest GPA: 1.85

Median GPA: 3.29

### 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 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 students attending The Preuss School UCSD at the high school level 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), three to six years of Spanish, four years of history/social science, and three years of college preparatory electives including fine arts. All students are enrolled in The Preuss School University Prep Advisory, which is comprised of three components with appropriate grade level emphasis for academic and social development. All activities are geared toward personal development, college preparation and exploration, literacy and mathematical skill reinforcement, preparation for standardized testing, and college application and admission. Preuss graduates are expected to be able to analyze, interpret, explain, organize, synthesize, evaluate, and communicate important intellectual experiences. Students may have the opportunity to make up deficient Social Science, Math and/or English grades with APEX Learning, our credit recovery program, which includes a combination of online and in-class instruction.

### "a-g" UC Approved Course List 2013-2014

#### 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 AND 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

ALGEBRA (APEX)  
INT ALGEBRA (ALGEBRA II APEX)  
GEOMETRY (APEX)  
PRECALCULUS (APEX)  
HONORS ALGEBRA  
HONORS GEOMETRY  
ADV INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA  
HONORS PRECALCULUS  
CALCULUS  
AP STATISTICS

#### d. Laboratory Science

ADVANCED BIOLOGY  
ADVANCED CHEMISTRY  
PHYSICS  
AP BIOLOGY  
AP CHEMISTRY  
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

#### e. Language Other than English

SPANISH I  
SPANISH II  
SPANISH III  
SPANISH IV  
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE  
AP SPANISH LITERATURE

#### f. Visual and Performing Arts

AP ART HISTORY  
AP MUSIC THEORY  
PREUSS HONOR CHOIR

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES  
INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR  
DRAMA I & II  
STUDIO ART I & II  
INTRODUCTION TO PIANO & MUSIC  
PREUSS HONORS ORCHESTRA  
MUSICAL THEATRE

#### g. Electives

PRE -ENGINEERING AND DESIGN  
PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING  
ROBOTICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
UCSD EAOP SENIOR/JUNIOR SEMINAR

### Graduating Class of 2013

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

#### College Enrollment:

32% University of California  
38% California State University  
19% Private or Out-of-State 4 Year Colleges  
11% Community College

### Colleges enrolling 2009-2013 Preuss School Graduates:

Amherst College	Saint Mary's College
Bowdoin College	Saint Mary's College of California
Brown University	San Diego Christian College
California College of the Arts	San Diego State University
College of the Holy Cross	San Francisco State University
CSU Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	San Jose State University
CSU Cal Poly Pomona	Santa Barbara City College
CSU Chico	Santa Clara University
CSU Dominguez Hills	St. Edwards University
CSU East Bay	Stanford University
CSU Humboldt	Stevens Institute of Technology
CSU Long Beach	Swarthmore College
CSU Los Angeles	Syracuse University
CSU Northridge	Thiel College
CSU Sacramento	Trinity College
CSU San Bernardino	UC Berkeley
CSU San Marcos	UC Davis
Claremont McKenna College	UC Irvine
Columbia University	UC Los Angeles
Dartmouth College	UC Merced
Duke University	UC Riverside
Emory University	UC San Diego
Evergreen State College	UC Santa Barbara
Georgetown University	UC Santa Cruz
Gonzaga University	University of Pennsylvania
Harvard University	University of Puget Sound
Harvey Mudd College	University of Redlands
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Rochester
Johns Hopkins University	University of San Diego
Kettering University	University of San Francisco
Lehigh University	University of Southern California
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
Mills College	Villanova University
Mount St. Mary's College	Virginia State University
New York University	Wellesley College
Northern Arizona University	Western New England University
Northwestern University	Westmont College
Notre Dame de Namur University	Whitman College
Occidental College	Whittier College
Pitzer College	Whitworth University
Point Loma Nazarene University	Williams College
Pomona College	Yale University