STEM Inventory

Entry# 87

Program-Title The Preuss School

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Higher-Education-based

URL

Org-Type

Service-Region Southern Border
Type Student Program

Subjects General Science | Biology | Math | Chemistry | Physics | Earth Science | Space | Computer Science | Environmental

Science | Engineering | Robotics | Technology | Other

Level Middle School (5-8th grade) | High School (9-12th grade)

Other-Objectives

Served-per-Year Demographics Economically disadvantaged

Content

The Preuss School is a middle and high school dedicated to providing an intensive college prep education for motivated low-income students who will become the first in their families to graduate from college. If these goals are realized, the school will matriculate students who are competitively eligible to enter the University of California or other selective institutions of higher education. The school, which is jointly chartered by the San Diego Unified School District and UCSD, opened in 1999 with 150 students in grades 6-8. It currently has 767 students in grades 6-12. Preuss students are selected through a process of application and lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, a student must meet three criteria: student is from a low-income family (per school lunch criteria); student has no parent or guardian who has graduated from a 4-year college or university; student has the academic potential and motivation to benefit from an intensive college preparatory program.

Outcomes

The mission of the Preuss School is to improve educational practices and provide an intensive college preparatory school for low-income student populations, which are historically underrepresented on the campuses of the University of California. The mission will thereby further the outreach efforts of the University of California and its commitment to the San Diego community and to educationa intervention. Additionally, the school will support the district's goal of reducing the achievement gap among underrepresented students.

Started Funded-Through

Length Ongoing Cost

Primary-Funding Primary-\$

Materials

Other-Funding

How-Assessed

Best-Practice-Why

The Preuss School's recent academic performance index score of 877 places it as a top high school in San Diego County. 90% of this year's graduating class has been offered admission to the following universities and colleges: UC San Diego UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, New York University, Stanford, MIT, Dartmouth, St. Mary's, USD and many of the Cal State universities including San Diego State and Long Beach. 10% of the graduating class was offered either Dual Admission or the Guaranteed Transfer Option from a community college to UCSD.

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