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The University of California Board of Regents today authorized UCSD to enter into an agreement with the San Diego Unified School District to establish a Charter School on the UCSD campus.

The Model School is one of several major new initiatives UCSD is undertaking to broaden its involvement in K-12 education. A primary goal of the school will be to enable low-income students to improve their academic achievement and to qualify for admission to UCSD and similar universities.

The Regents approved UCSD's proposal with the proviso that the San Diego Unified School District provide sufficient operating funds for the School to achieve its educational mission, and that the UCSD campus build and equip the school with non-university funds.

The school will offer a solely college-prep curriculum, and primarily target underachieving but talented low-income students who would be the first generation in their family to graduate from college. UCSD plans to enroll the first 100 students by the fall of 1999, and complete construction of the school buildings by 2000. At steady state, in the year 2003, the Model School will accommodate 700 sixth through twelfth graders.

The school will be sited on an eight-acre parcel of campus land east of Route 5, near UCSD's Thornton Hospital. This location will enable Model School students to easily access the libraries, performance studios, specialized laboratories, recreational facilities and educational resources available at UCSD. In addition, UCSD students will assist in the Model School classrooms as tutors and mentors.

The UCSD Model School will be the first in California to offer middle and high school classes in a charter school located on a university campus.

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