

MAKE YOUR OWN DC FACT SHEET FOR TEACHERS

Make Your Own DC: Perfect for teachers and students who want to customize the length, site activities, and academic level of their program.

Why Teachers Choose Us

- 1. Inspiration:** Our proven curriculum and teaching method will educate and inspire your students. More than just a tour, our programs are known for inspiring students to participate as citizens when they return to their schools and communities. Students report that we help them feel empowered.
- 2. Fun:** Close Up's program is the perfect blend of learning and fun. Your students will have fun while they learn and enjoy a social hour virtually every night, a farewell banquet and our famous dance.
- 3. Safety:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. Our staff is trained in teaching, first aid, and student behavior. Our close-in hotels, are in very safe areas plus we have alliances with top health care providers so help is right there if you need it.
- 4. Value:** Our price includes virtually everything but souvenirs. Teachers love this all-inclusive approach. They value our curriculum, safety, faculty, close-in hotels, transportation team and more. Always ask "what's included" since some companies don't provide lunch; others put you in far away hotels.
- 5. Access:** We have relationships with every major institution in DC so you get an "inside view". For example, our high school program includes meetings we arrange with Congress, one of our key sponsors. Plus, you still have time to visit self-directed public exhibits such as the Smithsonian.
- 6. College Credit:** High schoolers can earn 1 credit from University of Virginia.
- 7. Quality:** Unlike other companies, we use our own instructional staff – not contract tour guides. We train them extensively to engage students and we keep the student-to-teacher ratio low.
- 8. Impact:** Year after year, over 90% of teachers report that Close Up helps their students better understand why and how they should become engaged and informed citizens.
- 9. Classroom Resources:** Every student and teacher gets an extensive notebook that guides them through the program and that can be used to stimulate discussion in class back home.
- 10. Teacher Rewards:** You travel for FREE and earn a stipend with a minimum number of students. You'll also get a wealth of insights from our teacher program that you can use back home.

Sample Student Schedule

DAY 1: Arrive & Check-in
Orientation
Workshop: Civic Engagement
War Memorials: WWII, Korea, Vietnam

DAY 2: Group Activity: Founding Documents
Walking Workshop on Capitol Hill
Visit Library of Congress & Supreme Court
National Archives Study Visit
Memorials: Jefferson & Mason
Evening Social

DAY 3: Arlington Cemetery Study Visit
Memorials: FDR & Lincoln
Smithsonian (American History Museum)
Workshop: Tools of Foreign Policy
Night Monument Tour

DAY 4: Embassy Row Study Visit
Embassy On-site: Russia
Global Simulation
Neighborhood Study Visit: U Street
Farewell Banquet

Note: Suggested sites include Smithsonian, National Mall, Arlington Cemetery and much more.

To get started, go to **CloseUp.org** and complete the Make Your Own DC Program Planner. You select a date and we'll provide you with suggested activities to get you started. Design a program as short as 2 days, or as long as 10 days.

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See Our Video at CloseUp.org