

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and **get to know your Close Up Program Instructor**

Introduction Workshop*

What are the **biggest issues that we face** in our democracy today?

Meet & Greet Social Activity

*Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Program Instructor for the duration of the trip.

** Study Visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

Sample schedule subject to change.

MONDAY

Founding Documents Activity

Learn about our founding documents and the events and people that led to their creation

National Archives Study Visit**

Explore American history through our nation's most significant documents:

Declaration of Independence

U.S. Constitution

Bill of Rights

Lunch at Smithsonian American History Museum

Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials

Learn about the people behind the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

Dinner & Social Activity

TUESDAY

Bill of Rights Workshop

What rights have citizens gained in our nearly 250-year history?

Seminar

Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Lunch in Chinatown Neighborhood

U.S. Capitol Visit and Orientation
Visit one of the most recognizable symbols of **representative democracy** in the world

Group Photo

Air Force Memorial Visit

Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a **breathtaking view** of the city

Dinner at Pentagon City

Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day

Get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates by **meeting with members of Congress** or their staff

Tour the Capitol and discover the exhibits in the **Capitol Visitor Center**

Lunch on the **National Mall**

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Pop into one of the **Smithsonian Museums**, see the **Washington Monument** or visit **National Archives**

White House Study Visit and Photo-Op

Dinner at Hotel

Election Workshop
Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for your program

THURSDAY

Citizen Action Workshop

What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

Election Reflection Activity

Discuss the results of the mock election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters

MLK Memorial

How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

Lunch

War Memorials Study Visit

What do the **WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials** say about those who served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial

How does the imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln's legacy?

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring our brave servicemen

Banquet and Dance

Enjoy a **fun-filled evening with your new friends** as you dance the night away

FRIDAY

Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure, **spend some more time in the city** with your school

Depart for Home

“Close Up gave me the confidence to apply my book smarts to real life!”

– IVETTER, STUDENT, FL



Hear more from Close Up teachers, students, and parents!