

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL - AMERICAN INDIAN ISSUES



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?

Issues Debate

Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a **liberal and conservative DC insider**

*Workshops are small learning communities made up 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

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit **

How do the values of **liberty, equality, and justice** impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?

Jefferson Memorial—What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?

FDR Memorial—How was equality defined by FDR and his New Deal?

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

Lunch and National Museum of the American Indian Study Visit
Get an in-depth understanding of American Indian history by exploring this collection of Native artifacts

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
In what ways did the events of 9/11 change America

Native Issues Seminar
Hear from a DC lobbyist or policymaker on Native issues

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country

Social Time

TUESDAY

War Memorials Study Visit

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

Lincoln Memorial
How does the **imagery of this memorial** portray his legacy?

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Group Photo

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Mock Congress Workshop

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

Social Time

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**

Dinner at DC's Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a **show at a renowned theater or night on the town!**

Social Time

THURSDAY

Citizen Action Site

Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities and the nation

White House Study Visit
Discuss the role of the **executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path in places like **Dupont Circle** or **Chinatown**

Arlington Cemetery
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and **witness the Changing of the Guard**

Closing Reflection
How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

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 was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational!”

— ABBY, STUDENT, AK



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