

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC + NYC

SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner
Program Orientation & Community Building
Meet Close Up staff and explore your purpose and goals for the week

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

Facts & Fun: Ultimate Trivia Night
Show off your **knowledge of DC** with new teammates from across the country!

**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.

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 at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit a **world-renowned museums** to learn about history and culture

American Political Values Workshop
Examine connections between **liberty, equality, and justice**

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate **hot topics** with friends from across the U.S.

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

Capitol Hill Group Photo
Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Citizen Action Site
Get inspired by examples of **citizens making a difference** in their communities and the nation

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

Dinner at Pentagon City

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

Capitol Hill Day
Meet with your **members of Congress** or their staff

Observe congressional **committee hearings** to see how laws are formed

Explore the U.S. **Capitol Visitor Center** and Museum

Lunch at **Longworth Cafeteria**

Visit the **Supreme Court**, where landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress** and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the **Galleries**

Dinner at DC's Union Station

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

Social Time

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

Citizen Action Seminar
Hear from an **advocacy organization** about how they are impacting the community

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

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

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

Depart for New York City
Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood

Park
Explore landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle**

Examine history through art at one of the **world's largest and finest art museums**

Enjoy **dinner under the bright lights** in the heart of the Big Apple

Visit Broadway – “**The Great White Way**”– in **New York City's famous Theater District**

See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the **cultural capital of the nation**

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island

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Learn more about the **universal symbol of freedom and democracy**
Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District

Reflect on the significance of this **world-changing event**

Take in **astonishing views** of the city from this **iconic bridge**

Dinner in Little Italy

See 360° views of New York City from the **Top of the Rock**

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

Depart for Home