

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Election Week



Sundays

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 a conservative DC insider

* 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

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit*
Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

Jefferson Memorial—How do the rights outlined in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty today?

FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality and promote the welfare of citizens in the US?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the US today?

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

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

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the world renowned museums to discover and learn about history and culture

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

Dinner at Hotel

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

Tuesday

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

Lincoln Memorial
How does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial portray his legacy?

Group Photo on Capitol Hill

Lunch at National Place

Campaign Funding Seminar
Examine campaign finance laws and how they impact elections

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

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

Election Issues Workshop
Prepare for the election returns by examining the issues that have driven debate

Election Results Party in Downtown DC
Hear from political insiders as results of the elections are announced

Wednesday

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
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

Attend and observe Congressional Committee Hearings to see how laws and policies are formed

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Lunch at a Hill Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders

Visit the Supreme Court where many landmark cases are decided

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

Witness the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in action in the Galleries

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a show at a renowned theater

Thursday

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

White House Study Visit
Discuss the purpose of protests and what restrictions of protests are legitimate

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

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown

Arlington National 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

Extend your stay!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit the **NEWSEUM**, DC's interactive museum of journalism and current events, or **MT. VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia!

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I will never forget this trip!”

– Michelle, Student, CA