

# WASHINGTON, DC ELECTION WEEK PROGRAM SAMPLE SCHEDULE



## 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 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 and seminars help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

\* 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

- **Three Faces of Democracy Study Visit\***  
How do the ideas championed by these famous figures impact society?
- **Jefferson Memorial**—What about our government would Jefferson agree or disagree with today?
- **FDR Memorial**—Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?
- **MLK Memorial**—How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?
- **Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center**
- **National Politics Seminar**  
Discuss voting and election laws with an advocacy organization
- **Smithsonian Institution Exploration**  
Discover the world-renowned museum of your choice on the National Mall
- **Enduring Questions of Democracy Workshop**  
Use current events to examine the complexity of American democracy
- **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 Memorials** say about those who have served and sacrificed?
- **Lincoln Memorial**  
What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say about Lincoln's legacy?
- **Campaign Funding Seminar**  
Examine campaign finance laws and how they impact elections
- **U.S. Capitol Visit and Orientation**
- **Lunch at National Place**
- **U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Study Visit**  
Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima
- **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**  
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 the Longworth 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 performance at a renowned theater

## THURSDAY

- **Community Action Workshop**  
What actions can you take to contribute on a local and national level?
- **White House Photo Op**  
Walk through the President's neighborhood
- **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. Georgetown, 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

You can opt to include tickets to the **NEWSEUM** – DC's interactive museum of journalism and current events – or a visit to **MT. VERNON** – George Washington's home in Virginia – to any of our extra day packages.

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

– Michelle, Student, CA