



# CLOSE UP

WASHINGTON, DC NEW AMERICANS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS



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WASHINGTON DC



# WASHINGTON



Close Up offers the most comprehensive **educational opportunity** in Washington, DC. Established in 1971, Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization. With **45 years of experience** partnering with schools across the country, we provide **impactful, hands-on programs** for students that educate and inspire young people to participate in their government, become leaders in their communities, and gain a more thorough understanding of American history and government. More than **850,000 students and teachers** from around the world have participated in our experiential education programs in Washington, DC—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications.



*“Close Up was one of the most wonderful and eye-opening experiences of my life! From meeting new people to seeing the memorials, I loved every second of it!”*

*—Sarah, Student, CA*





## 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

### Essentials of Democracy Workshop\*

How does the government impact your life?

### 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 Instructor for the duration of the program.

\* 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

### Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Founding Documents Workshop

Take a look at how the three founding documents impact America today

### National Archives Study Visit\*

Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom—Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights

### Smithsonian American History Museum Study Visit and Lunch

### Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials

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

### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Discuss the New Deal and government responsibility

### Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

### United States Air Force Memorial and Iwo Jima Memorial

Enjoy a night of breathtaking views of the city

### Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for the Hill and learn how laws are made

## TUE

### Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Capitol Hill Walking Workshop

An inside look at how the Capitol works

### Visit the Supreme Court

See where many landmark cases were decided and explore the largest library in the world

### Explore the U.S. Capitol

An inside look at how the Capitol works

### White House Study Visit

Walk through the President's office

### Lunch at National Plaza

### War Memorials Study Visit

What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War memorials say about those who served?

### Dinner at Faccia Luna

### Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote on legislation as if you were representatives in Congress

### Social Time



## SDAY

### Workshop

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### Visit

Vietnam, and Korean Memorials  
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vote on the same issues elected  
currently debating

## WEDNESDAY

### Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch

Explore the world's largest and most significant  
collection of aviation and space artifacts

### On-Site Study Visit

Hear from a local organization to learn about  
community service, e.g. Latin American Youth Center

### Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say  
about Lincoln's legacy?

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish  
extraordinary things?

### Dinner at Pentagon City

### Theatre

Enjoy a fun-filled evening at the George  
Washington Masonic Memorial—*An American  
Musical Landscape*

## THURSDAY

### Hot Breakfast Buffet

### Closing Reflection

Set goals and identify ways in which you can be  
more active and involved in your community

### Smithsonian Natural History Museum and Lunch

Explore millions of natural science specimens and  
cultural artifacts, including the Hope Diamond

### The National Mall

### Depart for Home

“*Close Up is an amazing  
program that impacts the way  
you look at yourself, your  
community, and the world!*”

– Juan, Student, NY



*“The Close Up program showed me how to speak up on my behalf,  
taught me how to make a difference in my community,  
and gave me a lot of insight on current issues.”*

*Billie, Student, AZ*







# THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up experience is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover your unique role within American democracy. Using Washington, DC, as a living classroom, you will learn about our nation's exciting heritage. Our dedicated instructors will help you learn about the people and places that shaped our country's history through visits to DC's monuments, memorials, and world-renowned museums.

Close Up's New Americans Middle School Program is designed to help you understand that your voice matters by creating a sense of community with other students just like you! Through discussions about the current issues you are most passionate about, you will return home empowered and ready to make a difference in your own community.

We ensure you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up's highly-trained instructors, you'll participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities as you take in all that DC has to offer!

## You will:

- Make **lifelong friendships** as you **share ideas** with students from around the country;
- Enjoy a **musical theater experience** during a fun night on the town;
- Discuss the **history of our nation** through visits to DC's must-see sites, including **Arlington Cemetery** to witness the Changing of the Guard; and
- Take part in an exciting, **hands-on Mock Congress** and learn more about what your elected representatives are debating right now!



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**GET STARTED TODAY!**

Talk to your Close Up teacher and get your Participant ID and Password to enroll in this amazing opportunity!

We're always here to help!

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