

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC and New York



Sunday

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

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

How does the government impact your life?

Monday

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

What actions can citizens take when they disagree with the government?

Lunch at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What rights are guaranteed and how has our understanding of those rights changed over time?

Arlington National Cemetery

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

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Consider the challenges of creating good laws

Tuesday

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

Smithsonian Museum of American History Study Visit and Lunch

Discover the complexity and richness of our nation's history at this world-renowned museum

Capitol Hill Study Visit

An inside look at how Congress works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorial Study Visits

How did citizens make a difference during major conflicts in American history?

Wednesday

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

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

White House Photo-Op

Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President's neighborhood

Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch

Launch into another stratosphere as you explore the history and science of aviation and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

The National Mall

Dinner

Thursday

Depart for New York City

Lunch at a NYC Deli

American Natural History Museum Exploration

See several exhibits and contemplate how they tell the overall story of the museum

Central Park Study Visit

Visit landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle

Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in this iconic New York destination

Times Square Study Visit

Visit Broadway - 'The Great White Way' - in New York City's famous theater district

Performance at a Broadway Theater

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

Friday

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

See the place where millions are immigrants entered the country and explore the history of US immigration policy

Lunch

Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Explore the Financial District and 9/11 Memorial

Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Take in the breathtaking views of the city from this iconic bridge

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza

See 360 degrees of New York City from Top of the Rock

Saturday

Sightsee in the Big Apple

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

Depart for Home

* 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.