CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
Washington, DC & Williamsburg

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 Program Instructor

MONDAY
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

TUESDAY
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 in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty?
FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality?
MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK’s view of justice in the U.S. today?
Lunch at Reagan Building National Politics Seminar
Discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker
Hidden Gems Study Visit
Discover another side of DC with a visit to one of its lesser-known sites
Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the world-renowned museums to learn about history and culture
American Political Values Workshop
Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and justice
Dinner at Pentagon City

WEDNESDAY
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?
Lunch at National Museum of American History
White House Study Visit
Discuss how protests and public demonstrations have impacted our country’s history
Dinner at Pentagon City
Mock Congress Workshop
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering
Social Time

THURSDAY
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 Congressional staff and DC 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 or witness an exclusive performance

FRIDAY
Depart for Williamsburg, VA
Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit
Immerse yourself in Virginia’s colonial history from 1699-1775 led by Williamsburg’s Historical Interpreters
The Capitol
Where Patrick Henry got the Virginia delegates to vote for independence
Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg Exploration
Discover Williamsburg independently:
Governor’s Palace
George Wythe House
Gaol-The Colonial Jail
The Magazine
Dinner in Williamsburg
Depart for Washington, DC

SATURDAY
Depart for Home
Close Up was such a valuable experience that I will never forget.
– Eric, Student, CO

* 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.

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