Arrive in Washington
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 Instructors

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*
Share how the government impacts your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

Founding Documents Workshop
Take a look at how the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights impact America today

National Archives Study Visit**
Explore American history through our nation’s Charters of Freedom

Lunch at L’Enfant Plaza

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit
Learn about one of America’s most influential presidents and decide what rights are important to you

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit
Should government take an active role in providing for people’s basic needs?

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

Dinner at DC’s Historic Union Station

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop
Consider the challenges of creating good laws

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today’s most pressing issues

Lunch at National Place

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

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

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

Pizza Dinner

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

DC Cultural Event
See a performance at a renowned theater i.e., “An American Musical Landscape”

Arlington National Cemetery
Visit our nation’s most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

Lunch

On-Site Study Visit
Hear from a local organization to learn about community service, e.g., Latin American Youth Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

White House Photo-Op
Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President’s neighborhood

WWII Memorial Study Visit
Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort

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Dinner at DC’s Pentagon City Mall

Close Up taught me how important it is to be a citizen!

– Chris, Student, CA

* 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.

EXTEND YOUR STAY!
Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit MOUNT VERNON, George Washington’s home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation’s capital with your school.