

CLOSE UP PRESIDENT'S FIRST WEEK PROGRAM

Washington, DC



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**

Introduction Workshop*
What are the **biggest issues that we face** in our democracy today?

Social Time

MONDAY

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 outlined in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty today?

FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice?

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Media Seminar:
The President's Agenda
Discuss the ambitions of the President with a media expert

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit a **world-renowned museum** to discover and learn about history and culture

American Political Values Workshop
Examine the connections between **liberty, equality, & justice**

Dinner at Hotel

Issues Debate
Ask your most **challenging political questions** to a liberal and a conservative DC insider
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
How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at National Place

Embassy Discovery
Step foot on "foreign soil" and **discuss the international political landscape**

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
In what ways did the events of 9/11 change America forever?

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

Social Time

WEDNESDAY

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 Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a **show at a renowned theater** or an exclusive performance

Social Time

THURSDAY

Mt. Vernon Study Visit
Examine the legacy of our first President

Lunch in Old Town Alexandria

White House Study Visit
Discuss the **purpose of protests** and which restrictions of protests are legitimate

National Portrait Gallery
Come to know the people who have shaped our nation through this extensive art collection

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

Final Workshop
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!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Visit other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

Close Up gave me the confidence I needed to be more politically involved!

— 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.