



CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - DC & WILLIAMSBURG



SATURDAY

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

Welcome Dinner

Room Check

SUNDAY

Sight See with Your School
Visit some of DC's famous landmarks with your school

Dinner and 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?

Issues Debate
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a liberal and a conservative DC insider



MONDAY

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit**

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 and promote the welfare of citizens in the U.S.?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the U.S. today?

Exploration and Lunch at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

White House Photo Op
Discuss the purpose of protests and what restrictions of protests are legitimate

American Political Values Workshop
Examine connections between liberty, equality, and justice

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country



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

National Politics Seminar
Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Air Force Memorial
Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

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



WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day
Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

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 Historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a show at a renowned theater!



THURSDAY

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

The Capitol
Visit the place where Patrick Henry got the Virginia delegates to vote for independence

Tavern Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg Exploration
Discover Williamsburg:
Governor's Palace
George Wythe House
Gaol-The Colonial Jail
The Magazine

Dinner in Williamsburg

Depart for Washington, DC



FRIDAY

Independent Day
Explore Washington, DC, with your school. Possible sites include:

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Smithsonian Museums
- Georgetown
- Arlington National Cemetery

Closing Reflection
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

SATURDAY

Sightsee in Washington
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school.

* 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.

