

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - PROGRAMS FOR NEW AMERICANS



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?

Meet & Greet Social Activity



MONDAY

Founding Documents Activity
Learn about our founding documents and the events and people that led to their creation

National Archives Study Visit**
Explore American history through our nation's most significant documents:

Declaration of Independence
U.S. Constitution
Bill of Rights

Lunch at Smithsonian American History Museum

Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials
Learn about the people behind the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights

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

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a show at a renowned theater or attend a fun cultural event!



TUESDAY

Bill of Rights Workshop
What rights have citizens gained over our 200-year history?

Immigration Seminar
Speak with an expert on immigration policy

Smithsonian Natural History Museum Study Visit and Lunch
Explore the galleries that bring the natural world to life

U.S. Capitol Visit and Orientation
Visit one of the most recognizable symbols of representative democracy in the world

Group Photo

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

Dinner at Pentagon City

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
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 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

White House Study Visit and Photo-Op

Dinner at Hotel

Election Workshop
Discuss the role of the executive branch and live the excitement as you elect a president for your program!



THURSDAY

Citizen Action Workshop
What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

Election Reflection Activity
Discuss the results of the mock presidential election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters

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

Lunch and University Visit
Explore a DC campus and learn about college life, e.g. George Washington University

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

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

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring our brave servicemen

Final Workshop, Dinner, 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! Choose to visit **MOUNT VERNON** in Virginia, George Washington's home, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital 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.