

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC & NEW YORK CITY



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?

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

** 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*

MONDAY

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit**

- **Jefferson Memorial**—How do the rights outlined in the founding documents apply to our view of liberty?
- **FDR Memorial**—What rights are needed to ensure equality and promote the welfare of U.S. citizens?
- **MLK Memorial**—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the U.S. today?

Lunch at Reagan Building

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

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

Political Values Workshop
Examine **case studies** that explore the tensions between **political values**

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with new friends from across the U.S.

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

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 **members of Congress** or their staff
- Attend and observe **Congressional Committee Hearings**
- Explore the **U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

• Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a **hot spot for DC insiders**

• Visit the **Supreme Court** where many landmark cases are decided

• Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world

• 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

Citizen Engagement Workshop
What **citizen actions** are necessary to foster and maintain a democracy?

White House Photo Op
“See” the people's house on **Pennsylvania Avenue**

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch
Explore DC off the beaten path in places like **Dupont Circle or Chinatown**

National Portrait Gallery
Come to know the people who have shaped the U.S. through this **extensive collection of portraits**

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

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

FRIDAY

Depart for New York City
Lunch in UpperWestside Neighborhood

Central Park Study Visit
Explore landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle**

Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit
Examine history through art at one of the **world's largest and finest art museums**

Dinner in Times Square
Enjoy dinner under the bright lights

Times Square Study Visit
Visit Broadway - ‘**The Great White Way**’—in New York City's famous theater district

Performance at a Broadway Theater
See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the **cultural capital of the nation**

SATURDAY

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Ellis Island

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Study Visit
Learn more about the **universal symbol of freedom and democracy**

Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District

9/11 Memorial Study Visit
Reflect on the significance of this **world-changing event**

Brooklyn Bridge Walk
Take in the **astounding views** of the city from this **iconic bridge**

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza
See 360° views of NYC from the **Top of the Rock**

SUNDAY

Sightsee in the Big Apple
Prior to your departure, **spend time in the city** with your school

Depart for Home