

# IMPACT: CREATING YOUTH ADVOCATES

## High School Program Overview



Starting September 2021, Close Up and the National Network of Schools in Partnership will offer *IMPACT: Deliberating Systemic Issues*. High school students will develop a deeper understanding of complex policy challenges facing the nation, connect those issues to longstanding values and tensions, and gain a rich understanding of the value of deliberation in a democracy. Students will examine three major policy issues, evaluate proposals that represent a range of viewpoints, and consider, as a group, how to best address these issues. After developing a better understanding of their own values and priorities, students will participate in a training to develop the facilitation skills to lead controversial issue discussions in their own school communities.

## Session Dates & Times

**Series 1: Deliberating Systemic Issues** | Tuesdays & Thursdays after school | September 30 - October 14, 2021 | 8:00-9:15pm (EST) / 5:00-6:15pm (PST)  
On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, a final reflection and debrief will take place following student facilitated discussions at their schools.

Each school will be combined with other participating schools nationwide for their discussion sessions. If you are interested in customized dates for a program that will include participants from your school only, please contact us at [programsupport@closeup.org](mailto:programsupport@closeup.org).

## Eligibility & Cost

This program session is exclusively for students in grades 9-12. You may nominate six students to represent your school in an examination of today's most pressing issues with students from across the country.

- **Cohort of 6 Students:** \$1200 (Close Up & NNSP Member Price)
- **Individual Price:** \$250

Close Up and NNSP are deeply committed to equity and inclusion. If you require financial assistance, please email us at [programsupport@closeup.org](mailto:programsupport@closeup.org).

## Registration

To register, please visit our [website](#).

## About Close Up

Established in 1971, [Close Up](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.

## About NNSP

The [National Network of Schools in Partnership](#) (NNSP) serves its members by providing implementation support, thought leadership, and advocacy. NNSP believes collaboration and partnerships are central to a strategy for improving equity in educational opportunities. NNSP thrives on the diversity of its members, which include organizations such as: public, charter and private schools; educational access and enrichment programs; and policy and education reform groups.