

IMPACT: ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Middle School Program Overview



Starting October 2021, Close Up and the National Network of Schools in Partnership will offer *IMPACT: Civic Ambassadors Program*. This is a special opportunity to nominate six 8th grade students to represent your school in an examination of today's most pressing issues with other students from across the country. Through this series of six online civic engagement workshops, students will build relationships, connect their experiences and personal stories to ongoing political debates and policy deliberations, and return back home to share what they have learned as civic ambassadors of their school communities.

Past civic ambassadors' actions have included facilitating issue-centered deliberations for lower grades, starting a student ambassador advisory board, and creating "lunch box talks" to allow space for difficult dialogues.

Session Dates & Times

Civic Ambassadors | Tuesdays & Thursdays after school | October 26 - November 9, 2021 | 6:15-7:15pm (EST) / 3:15-4:15pm (PST)
On Tuesday, December 14, 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 reach out to us at programsupport@closeup.org.

Eligibility & Cost

This program session is exclusively for students in grade 8. You may nominate six 8th grade students to represent your school as civic ambassadors.

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

Close Up and NNSP are deeply committed to equity and inclusion. If you require financial assistance, please email us at 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.