

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - FOUR DAY WASHINGTON, DC



DAY 1

Arrive in Washington, DC

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Lunch & Orientation

Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Introductory Workshop*

What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit**

Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

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 US?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the US today?

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

American Political Values Workshop

Examine the connections between liberty, equality and justice



DAY 2

White House Study Visit

Discuss the purpose of protests and what restrictions of protests are legitimate

Citizen Action Sites

Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities and the nation

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown

Smithsonian Museum of African American History & Culture

All You Can Eat Pizza Dinner

Issues Debate

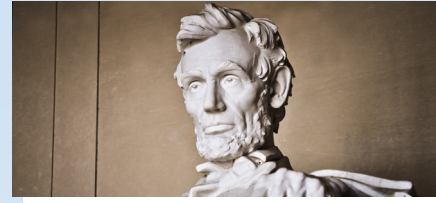
Ask your most challenging political questions and hear from a liberal and a conservative DC insider

Social Time

**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.



DAY 3

War Memorials Study Visit

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

Lincoln Memorial

What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say about Lincoln's legacy?

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

National Politics Seminar

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

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Smithsonian Institution Exploration

Discover the world-renowned museum of your choice on the National Mall

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

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

Social Time



DAY 4

Capitol Hill Day

Get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates by **meeting with members of Congress** or their staff

Tour the Capitol and discover the exhibits in the **Capitol Visitor Center**

Lunch on the **National Mall**

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Pop into one of the **Smithsonian Museums**, see the **Washington Monument** or visit **National Archives**

Depart for Home

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip!”

– Michelle, Student, TX