

# CIVIC VOICES

## SUMMER TUTORING & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Created in partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), Close Up's **Civic Voices** program is a **free, week-long experience** designed to help middle school students develop the skills to analyze, deliberate on, and make decisions about political and social issues. Working with tutors for academic support, students will build community, develop empathy for multiple perspectives, learn how to build consensus, and earn service-learning hours and win fun prizes along the way.

All instruction is led by Close Up's professional staff of facilitators and tutors. Highlights of the curriculum include:

- **Deliberations** on local and national issues (such as criminal justice, health care, and education) that unpack challenging problems and examine multiple perspectives
- **Writers' workshops** on specific techniques of effective argumentative writing
- **Student advocacy and persuasion projects**, in which small groups create policy proposals and draft persuasive letters, speeches, and/or op-eds
- **Student presentations** of proposals to a panel of educators, policy experts, advocates, and fellow students
- **A seminar** with policy experts and community stakeholders
- **Field trips** into Washington, DC, to visit famous monuments, memorials, and museums
- **College campus visits** to learn about the admissions process and college life

### DATES AND LOCATION

This is a **free program** that is open to middle school students enrolled in PGCPS. The program will take place at the University of Maryland in College Park, on-site and in person.

Students choose to attend **one** of the following two sessions:

**Session 1:** July 11-15, 2022

**Session 2:** July 18-22, 2022

Each day of programming runs from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. There will be bus pick-ups and drop-offs across the school district to transport students to and from the program.

Other important dates:

**May 4** (6 pm ET): Parent information session

**May 20:** Student application deadline

APPLY TODAY >

