

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + NYC



**Arrive in Washington, DC**  
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

## Welcome Dinner

## Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and **get to know your Close Up program instructors**

## Workshop: Understanding the Role of a Citizen\*

What actions can citizens take to **participate in democracy**?

Sample schedule subject to change.

*\*Workshops are small learning communities made up 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.*

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**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit\*\***  
**Examine the impact** individual **actions** can have on the government

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit**  
Look at the impact **civil rights movements** can have

**Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza**

**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit**  
What **current issues** have the **greatest impact** on your generation?

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life statue of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

**Arlington National Cemetery**  
Visit this hallowed ground and witness the **Changing of the Guard**

**Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**

**Workshop: Characteristics of a Good Law**  
Consider the challenges of **creating laws**

**Congressional Deliberation**  
Examine pressing national issues and **deliberate on policy** options

**White House Study Visit**  
Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

**Lunch at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center**

**Capitol Hill Study Visit**  
Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at **how the legislative branch works**

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**

**Smithsonian National Museum of American History**  
Discover history and culture at this **world-renowned museum**

**Dinner at Nighthawk Pizza**

**Evening Monuments on the National Mall**  
Visit the **WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials** as they illuminate the night sky

**Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off**  
Set goals and identify ways in which **you can be more active and involved** in your community

**Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and Lunch**  
Reconvene with your school group and teacher to explore the history of the natural world through this **collection of 145 million specimens**

**Independent Time**  
Spend the afternoon exploring other sites in Washington, DC, with your school, such as:

**U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

**Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum**

**National Portrait Gallery**

**Dinner**

**Depart for New York City**  
**Lunch at a NYC Deli**

**American Natural History Museum Exploration**  
See **several exhibits** and contemplate how they tell the overall story of the museum

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

**Dinner in Times Square**  
Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in this **iconic New York destination**

**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**

**Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island**

**Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island**  
See where **millions of immigrants entered the U.S.** and explore the history of immigration policy

**Lunch**

**Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits**  
Explore the **Financial District** and **9/11 Memorial**

**Brooklyn Bridge Walk**  
Take in the **breathtaking views** from this iconic bridge

**Dinner in Little Italy**

**Rockefeller Plaza**  
See 360 degrees of NYC from **Top of the Rock**

## SATURDAY

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

**Depart for Home**