

CLOSE UP PRESIDENT'S FIRST WEEK HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and **get to know your Close Up program instructor**

Introduction Workshop*

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

Identifying National Priorities

Students will **reflect on the top issues and priorities** from the president's inaugural address

Social Time



MONDAY

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?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice?

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Media Seminar: The President's Agenda
Discuss the **ambitions of the president** with a media expert

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Discover **history and culture** at a world-renowned museum

Political Values Workshop
Examine connections between **liberty, equality, and justice**

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues in Public Policy Discussion

Debate hot topics with new friends from across the U.S.



TUESDAY

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

Lincoln Memorial
How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Embassy Discovery
Step foot on "foreign soil" and **discuss the international political landscape**

Citizen Action Site
Get inspired by examples of **citizens making a difference** in their communities and the nation

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

Social Time



WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day

Meet with your **members of Congress** or their staff

Observe congressional **committee hearings** to see how laws are formed

Explore the U.S. **Capitol Visitor Center** and Museum

Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria

Visit the **Supreme Court**, where landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress** and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the **Galleries**

Dinner at DC's Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a **show at a famous theater** or an exclusive performance in the city

Social Time



THURSDAY

Mount Vernon Study Visit
Examine the legacy of our first president

Lunch in Old Town Alexandria

White House Study Visit
Discuss the **purpose of protest** and which restrictions of protest are legitimate

National Portrait Gallery
Come to know the people who have shaped our nation through this **extensive art collection**

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

Final Workshop
How will you **stay engaged** on issues that matter to you?

Banquet and Dance
Enjoy a **fun-filled evening with your new friends** as you dance the night away

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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FRIDAY

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

Depart for Home



Close Up gave me the confidence I needed to be more politically involved!

— ERIC, STUDENT, COLORADO

