

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC



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

**Welcome Dinner**

**Program Orientation & Community Building**  
Meet Close Up staff and explore your purpose and goals for the week

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

**Facts & Fun: Ultimate Trivia Night**  
Show off your **knowledge of DC** with new teammates from across the country!

*\*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.*

Sample schedule subject to change.

**American Political Values Study Visit \*\***  
How do the values of **liberty, equality, and justice** impact trends and ideas in the U.S. political system today?

**Jefferson Memorial—**  
What is the significance of liberty in the Founding Documents?

**FDR Memorial—**How was equality defined by FDR and his New Deal?

**MLK Memorial—**How did MLK influence the value of justice in the Civil Rights Movement?

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

**Smithsonian Institution Exploration**  
Visit a **world-renowned museum** to learn about history and culture

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

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Current Issues Discussion**  
**Debate hot topics** with new friends from across the U.S.

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

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

**National Politics Seminar**  
**Gain inside access and discuss current issues** with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**  
**Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza**

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

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

**Dinner at Pentagon City**

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

**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**

**DC Cultural Event**  
**See a show** at a famous theatre or experience a **night on the town**

**Social Time**

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

**Citizen Action Seminar**  
Hear from an **advocacy organization** about how they are impacting the community

**Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**  
Explore DC off the beaten path in places like **Dupont Circle** or **Chinatown**

**Air Force Memorial**  
**Honor those who have served** in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

**Arlington Cemetery**  
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and **witness the Changing of the Guard**

**Closing Reflection**  
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

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

**Depart for Home**

“  
My experience on Close Up has forever changed my life. I met so many different students from across the U.S. and learned how to take action in my community.”

- Treanna, Student, GA

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