

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC + NYC



SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

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

Welcome Dinner

Program Orientation & Community Building

Meet Close Up staff and **review your purpose and goals** for the week

Opening Workshop*

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

Facts & Fun:

Ultimate Trivia Night

Show off your **knowledge of Washington** with teammates from across the country

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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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 one of the **world-renowned museums** 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 nation

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 Lincoln's legacy?

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

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

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

Dinner at Union Station

Capitol Hill Day

Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

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

Explore the **Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

Have **lunch at Longworth Cafeteria**, a hot spot for Washington insiders

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

View the symbolic art and architecture at the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world

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

Dinner at Union Station

Washington Cultural Event
See a show at a famous theater 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

Get off the beaten path in neighborhoods such as **Dupont Circle and 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
Have a **memorable, fun-filled evening** with your new friends before returning home

Depart for New York City

Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood

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

Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit

Examine history through art at one of the **world's largest and finest art museums**

Dinner in Times Square
Enjoy **dinner under the bright lights** in the heart of the Big Apple

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 Ellis Island

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Study Visit
Learn more about the **universal symbol of freedom** and democracy

Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District

9/11 Memorial Study Visit
Reflect on the significance of this **world-changing event**

Brooklyn Bridge Walk
Take in **astonishing views** of the city from this **iconic bridge**

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza
See 360° views of New York City from the **Top of the Rock**

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

Depart for Home