

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - AMERICA 250



Sunday

Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up concierge and **explore D.C.** with your school

Welcome Dinner*

Program Orientation & Community Building
Meet Close Up staff and **review your 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



Monday

Citizen Action on the National Mall
How have citizens **created change** by making their voices heard?

Group Photo

American Political Values Study Visit***
How do the values of **liberty, equality, and justice** impact our political system?

Jefferson Memorial—
What is the significance of liberty in the founding documents?

FDR Memorial—How did FDR and the New Deal define equality?

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

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

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

Dinner

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with new friends from across the nation



Tuesday

Depart for Philadelphia

National Constitution Center
Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

Lunch at Philly Gourmet Steaks

Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

Find yourself surrounded by American history in the birthplace of our nation

Independence Hall:
Visit the rooms where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were debated and signed

Liberty Bell: Visit the iconic symbol of American independence

Congress Hall: Explore the home of the U.S. Congress from 1790 to 1800

Franklin Court: Consider why the Founding Fathers thought a free press was so important

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, D.C.



Wednesday

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** at home and nationwide

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



Thursday

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

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



Friday

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

Depart for Home

Sample schedule subject to change.

**Student tuition includes all meals beginning with dinner on arrival day and ending with breakfast on departure day.*

***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.*