

NEW AMERICANS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C.



Sunday

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?

Social Time



Monday

Federal Government Structure Workshop
Gain an understanding of the **foundations of U.S. government**

Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials
Learn about the people behind the **Declaration of Independence** and the **Bill of Rights**

National Museum of Natural History and Lunch
Discover **hands-on exhibits** that capture the **beauty and diversity** of the natural world

National Archives Study Visit***
Explore **American history** through our nation's most significant documents:

Declaration of Independence

Constitution

Bill of Rights

Citizen Action Workshop
What **citizen actions** are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

National Portrait Gallery
Learn about **people who have shaped our society**, from government to sports, art, and culture

Dinner & Social Activity



Tuesday

Bill of Rights Workshop
What **rights have citizens gained** in our 250-year history?

Immigration Policy Seminar
Go **behind the scenes** with a **policy expert** to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch in L'Enfant Plaza

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
How did MLK influence the **value of justice** during the Civil Rights Movement?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
Should **government take an active role** in providing for people's basic needs?

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation **honoring brave service members**

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

Dinner in Pentagon City

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



Wednesday

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**

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

White House Study Visit and Photo Op

Dinner at Hotel

Presidential Workshop
Discuss the role of the **executive branch** and elect a president for your program



Thursday

Community Action Workshop
What actions can citizens take to **make change**?

Election Reflection Activity
Discuss the results of the mock election and **reflect on the motivations of real-world voters**

College Admission Session
Get answers to your questions about the **opportunities of higher education**

Lunch at National Museum of American History

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 **imagery of this memorial** portray Lincoln's legacy?

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.*