

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



Sunday

Arrive in Washington

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

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

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

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

Share how the **government impacts** your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions



Monday

Founding Documents Workshop

Take a look at how the **Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights** impact America today

Thomas Jefferson and George Mason Memorials Study Visit**

Learn about two of the nation's most **influential founding figures** and decide what rights are important to you

National Museum of American History Lunch & Study Visit
Immerse yourself in American history and culture at one of the Smithsonian's most beloved museums

National Archives Study Visit
Explore U.S. history through our nation's **Charters of Freedom**

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

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



Tuesday

Congressional Deliberation

Examine **pressing national issues** and **deliberate with your peers** on policy options

Group Photo

Capitol Hill Walking Workshop

Walk the halls of Congress and get an **exclusive look** at how our government operates

U.S. Capitol Visit and Lunch

Learn the **story of Congress** as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits

White House Study Visit and Photo Op

Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

How does the memorial's imagery portray **Abraham Lincoln's legacy**?

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

Visit the **WWII, Korean War Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans Memorials** as they illuminate the night sky



Wednesday

Arlington National Cemetery

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Discuss the **New Deal** and government responsibility

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an **ordinary citizen** accomplish **extraordinary things**?

National Air and Space Museum Visit

Launch into the stratosphere as you explore the history and **science of aviation and spaceflight** at this Smithsonian favorite

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

Dinner

Social Activity



Thursday

Closing Reflection

Identify ways in which you can be **more active and involved** in your community

National Museum of Natural History & Lunch

Feed your curiosity and explore **hands-on exhibits** that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

The National Mall

Depart for Home

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

Sample schedule subject to change.