

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C. + NEW YORK CITY



Sunday

Arrive in Washington, D.C.
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city with your school

Welcome Dinner*

Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up program instructors

Workshop: Understanding the Role of a Citizen**
What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?

*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.



Monday

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit***
Examine the impact individual actions can have on the government

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
Look at the effect civil rights movements can have on the country

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

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

Arlington National Cemetery
Visit this hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

Smithsonian National Museum of American History
Explore history and culture at this world-renowned museum

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Workshop: Characteristics of a Good Law
Consider the challenges of creating laws



Tuesday

Congressional Deliberation
Examine pressing national issues and deliberate on policy options

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit
What current issues will have the greatest impact on your generation?

Lunch at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Capitol Hill Study Visit
Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at how the legislative branch works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

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

Dinner at a Local D.C. Restaurant

Evening Monuments on the National Mall
Visit the illuminated WWII, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, and Lincoln Memorials



Wednesday

Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off
Set goals and identify ways to be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Study Visit and Lunch
Explore the history of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens and artifacts

Independent Time
Spend the afternoon exploring other sites in Washington, D.C., with your school, such as:

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

National Portrait Gallery

Dinner



Thursday

Depart for New York City

Lunch at a NYC Deli

American Museum of Natural History
Enjoy free exploration of one of the world's leading scientific and cultural institutions

Central Park Study Visit
Visit landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Bethesda Fountain, and Belvedere Castle

Dinner in Times Square
Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in this iconic New York City destination

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



Friday

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
See where millions of immigrants entered the U.S. and explore the history of immigration policy

Lunch

Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Experience a part of the city that changed forever in 2001 and continues to have global importance today

Brooklyn Bridge Walk
Take in the breathtaking views from this iconic bridge

Dinner in Little Italy or Chinatown

Edge: Observation Deck
Visit the highest outdoor sky deck in the Western Hemisphere

Saturday

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

Depart for Home