

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C.



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

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.



Monday

Citizen Action on the National Mall

How have citizens created change by making their voices heard?

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 Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Smithsonian Institution
Learn about history and culture at one of the world-renowned museums

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

Dinner

Current Issues Discussion
Explore multiple perspectives on pressing issues with new friends from across the nation



Tuesday

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



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**

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 of 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

Night on the Town
Take in a nighttime activity in the heart of the city

Social Time



Thursday

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 it is impacting the community

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Get off the beaten path in neighborhoods such as Dupont Circle and Chinatown

9/11 Pentagon Memorial
Visit the national memorial dedicated to the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001

Arlington National 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



Friday

Sightsee in Washington

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

Depart for Home

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Close Up provided me with the tools and knowledge to conduct civil and respectful discussions and prepared us all to be leaders of the future.

— Bailey
Student
Alaska

