

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C. + WILLAIBSBURG



## Saturday

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

**Dinner**

## Sunday

**Sightsee with Your School**  
Visit some of Washington's famous landmarks

**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?

**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**

**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**  
Explore multiple perspectives on pressing issues with new friends from across the U.S.



## 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

**Depart for Williamsburg**

**Welcome to Williamsburg**  
Take a walk back through time and discover Colonial Williamsburg

- **Governor's Palace**
- **George Wythe House**
- **Public Gaol**
- **The Magazine**

**Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg**

**Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit**  
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history led by Williamsburg's historical interpreters

**The Capitol**  
Visit the place where Patrick Henry got the Virginia delegates to vote for independence

**Dinner in Williamsburg**

**Depart for Washington**



## Friday

**Independent Exploration**  
Explore Washington with your school at possible sites that include:

- **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**
- **Smithsonian Museums**
- **Georgetown**
- **Arlington National Cemetery**

**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

## Saturday

**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.