

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



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 Capitol Hill

How have citizens **created change** by making their voices heard?

Capitol Hill Photo

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
Debate hot topics 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?

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 at 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

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial

White House Study Visit

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

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

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

Arlington National Cemetery

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

U.S. Air Force Memorial

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

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



Friday

Depart for New York City

Lunch in Upper West Side Neighborhood

Central Park Study Visit

Explore landmarks such as **Strawberry Fields**, **Imagine Circle**, and **Belvedere Castle**

Metropolitan Museum of Art Study Visit

Examine history through art at one of the **world's largest and finest art museums**

Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy **dinner under the bright lights** in the heart of the Big Apple

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**



Saturday

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty & Ellis Islands

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Study Visit
Learn more about the universal **symbol of freedom and democracy**

Lunch and Study Visit in the Financial District

9/11 Memorial Study Visit

Reflect on the **significance** of this world-changing event

Brooklyn Bridge Walk
Take in astonishing views of the city from this **iconic bridge**

Dinner in Chinatown or Little Italy

Edge: Observation Deck

Visit the **highest outdoor sky deck** in the Western Hemisphere

Sunday

Depart for Home