

CONGRESSIONAL SIMULATION DAY

STUDENT OVERVIEW



December 7, 2024 | 9am-1:30pm | University of Maryland

In partnership with Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS), the Close Up Foundation is hosting a Congressional Simulation for PGCPS high school students. Held at the University of Maryland campus, the Congressional Simulation will give students the opportunity to engage with peers across the county on pressing current issues. Students will take on the role of members of the House of Representatives to deliberate real-world legislation, review and amend bills, offer arguments in favor of and opposition to each bill, and vote “yea” or “nay” on each becoming law.

By participating in the Congressional Simulation, students will receive 3 SERVICE-LEARNING HOURS.

During the session, students will debate bills that include:

- An Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Number of Terms a Member of Congress May Serve
- Kids Online Safety Act
- English Language Unity Act
- Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act
- Protecting the Right to Organize Act

TIME & DATE

Saturday, December 7

Registration & Check-In: 8am-8:50am | Congressional Simulation: 9am-1:30pm

LOCATION

University of Maryland, Tawes Hall | 7751 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD 20742

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for securing their own transportation to and from the Congressional Simulation. Students who drive will receive a parking pass upon arrival for a secure lot directly in front of Tawes Hall.

REQUIREMENTS

All PGCPS high school students are eligible for participation, although space is limited. Students who take part in the Close Up in-class sessions in November will receive priority consideration. **To participate, students must complete this [interest form](#).**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Students **MUST** be registered in order to participate.
- Close Up will provide staff to facilitate the Congressional Simulation. PGCPS staff are welcome to join, participate, and engage with students.
- Students will be provided all materials necessary to participate in the Congressional Simulation (no Chromebooks are required).
- Students will be provided with lunch and a 30-45-minute break during the session.
- Students will be required to bring the completed [Medical Questionnaire & Consent for Treatment Forms](#) as well as their health insurance card or a copy of the front and back.