

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION WEEK PROGRAM

Washington, DC



## SUNDAY

**Arrive in Washington**  
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

### Welcome Dinner

**Group Orientation**  
Meet students from across the country and **get to know your Close Up Program Instructor**

**Introduction Workshop\***  
What are the **biggest issues that we face** in our democracy today?

**Election Issues Debate**  
Ask your most challenging political questions and hear from a liberal and a conservative DC insider

### Social Time

\* Workshops are small learning communities comprised 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

**Exploring American Political Values Study Visit\*\***  
Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

**Jefferson Memorial**—How do the rights outlined in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty today?

**FDR Memorial**—What rights are needed to ensure equality and promote the welfare of citizens in the US?

**MLK Memorial**—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the US today?

### Lunch at Reagan Building

**Voting Rights Seminar**  
Discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

**Smithsonian Institution Exploration**  
Visit a **world-renowned museum** to discover and learn about history and culture

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

### Dinner at Hotel

**Current Issues in Public Policy Discussion**  
**Debate hot topics** with your new friends from across the

## TUESDAY

**War Memorials Study Visit**  
What do the **WWII, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials** say about **those who have served and sacrificed**?

**Lincoln Memorial**  
How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**  
**Lunch at National Place**

**Campaign Funding Seminar**  
Examine **campaign finance laws** and how they impact elections

**Election Issues in Congress Workshop**  
Prepare for the **election returns** by examining the issues that have driven the debate

**Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation**  
**Debate, amend, and vote** on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

**Election Watch Party & Dinner**  
Hear from **political insiders** as election results are announced in real-time at an exclusive event in downtown DC

### Social Time

## WEDNESDAY

**Capitol Hill Day**  
Meet your **members of Congress** or their staff with your school

Attend and observe **Congressional Committee Hearings** to see how laws and policies are formed

Explore the **U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a **hot spot for Washington insiders**

Visit the **Supreme Court** where many landmark cases are decided

Explore the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the **U.S. Senate and House of Representatives** in action in the Galleries

**White House Study Visit**  
Discuss how **protests and public demonstrations** have impacted our country's history

### Dinner at DC's Union Station

**DC Cultural Event**  
See a **show at a renowned theater** or an exclusive performance

## THURSDAY

**Sustaining Democracy Workshop**  
What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a democracy?

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

**Citizen Action Sites**  
Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities and the nation

**Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch**  
Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown

**National Portrait Gallery**  
Come to know the people who have shaped our nation through this extensive collection of portraits

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

**Final Workshop**  
How will you **stay engaged** on issues that matter to you?

**Banquet and Dance**  
Enjoy a **fun-filled evening with your new friends** as you dance the night away

## FRIDAY

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

### Depart for Home

### EXTEND YOUR STAY!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit **MOUNT VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

Close Up was such a valuable experience that I will never forget!  
- Max, Student, RI