

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC & Williamsburg



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?

Issues Debate
Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a **liberal and a conservative DC insider**

Close Up was such a valuable experience that I will never forget!

— Eric, Student, CO

* 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

Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

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

FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the U.S. today?

Lunch at Reagan Building

National Politics Seminar
Discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Hidden Gems Study Visit
Discover another side of DC with a visit to one of its lesser-known sites

Smithsonian Institution Exploration
Visit one of the **world-renowned museums** to learn about history and culture

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

Dinner at Hotel

Bill of Rights Activity
Discuss the rights within our Constitution and how they have evolved over time

TUESDAY

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

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

Lunch at National Museum of American History

Step foot on "foreign soil" and discuss the international political landscape

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

Dinner at Pentagon City

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

Social Time

WEDNESDAY

Meet with your **members of Congress** or their staff

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 Congressional staff and DC 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

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

See a show at a **renowned theater** or witness an **exclusive performance**

THURSDAY

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history from 1699-1775 led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

Where Patrick Henry got the Virginia delegates to vote for independence

Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg Exploration
Discover Williamsburg independently:

Governor's Palace

George Wythe House

Gaol-The Colonial Jail

The Magazine

Dinner in Williamsburg

Depart for Washington, DC

FRIDAY

Explore Washington, DC, with your school

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Smithsonian Museums

Arlington National Cemetery

How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

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

SATURDAY

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.