

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC and New York City



SUNDAY

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

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructors

Understanding the Role of a Citizen Workshop*

What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?

MONDAY

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit**

Examine the impact individual action can have on the government

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

Look at the effect civil rights movements can have on the country

Lunch and Smithsonian National Museum of American History Exploration
Discover the complexity and richness of our nation's history at this acclaimed museum

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What current issues do you think will have the greatest impact on your generation?

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

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop
Consider the challenges of creating good laws

TUESDAY

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

White House Study Visit

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Capitol Hill Study Visit
Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at how the legislative branch works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Dinner at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Evening Monuments on the National Mall
Visit the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials as they illuminate the night sky

WEDNESDAY

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History Study Visit and Lunch

Explore the history and potential of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens and artifacts

Independent Time

Spend the afternoon exploring other sites in Washington, DC, with your school, such as:

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
- National Portrait Gallery

Dinner

THURSDAY

Depart for New York City

Lunch at a NYC Deli

American Natural History Museum Exploration

See several exhibits and contemplate how they tell the overall story of the museum

Central Park Study Visit

Visit landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle

Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in this iconic New York destination

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

FRIDAY

Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

See the place where millions of immigrants entered the country and explore the history of US immigration policy

Lunch

Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Explore the Financial District and 9/11 Memorial

Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Take in the breathtaking views of the city from this iconic bridge

Dinner in Little Italy

Rockefeller Plaza

See 360 degrees of New York City from Top of the Rock

Sightsee in the Big Apple

Prior to your departure, spend time in the city with your school

Depart for Home

SATURDAY

* 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.