

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS



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**

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*
Share how the **government impacts** your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

Social Time

Sample schedule subject to change.

**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.*

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Founding Documents Workshop
Take a look at how the **Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights** impact America today

Thomas Jefferson and George Mason Memorials Study Visit**
Learn about one of America's most influential presidents and decide **what rights are important to you**

National Museum of American History Lunch & Study Visit

National Archives Study Visit
Explore American history through our nation's **Charters of Freedom**

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

Dinner at Pentagon City

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop
Prepare for Tuesday on the Hill and learn **how laws are made**

Bill of Rights Workshop
What **rights have citizens gained** in our nearly 250-year history?

Group Photo

Capitol Hill Walking Workshop
Walk the halls of Congress and get an **exclusive look** at how our government operates

U.S. Capitol Visit and Lunch
Learn the **story of Congress** as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits

Air and Space Museum Visit
Launch into the stratosphere as you explore the **history and science of aviation** and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

Dinner

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

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

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit
Discuss the **New Deal** and government responsibility

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
How can an **ordinary citizen** accomplish **extraordinary things?**

White House Study Visit and Photo Op
Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

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

Dinner

Social Activity

Closing Reflection
Identify ways in which you can be **more active and involved** in your community

Smithsonian Natural History Museum
Feed your curiosity and **explore hands-on exhibits** that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

The National Mall

Depart for Home

“
Close Up taught me the importance of politics and how it influences our world.”

- EHTAN, STUDENT, CA