CLOSE UP ELECTION WEEK HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

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
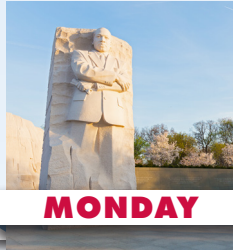Ask your most **challenging political questions** and and hear from a DC insider

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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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 equal opportunity for all citizens?

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

Lunch at Reagan Building

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

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

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

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with new friends from across the U.S.

TUESDAY

War Memorials Study Visit
What do the **WWII, Vietnam War, and Korean War 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 L'Enfant Plaza

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

Election Issues in Congress Workshop
Prepare for **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

WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day

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

Observe congressional **committee hearings** to see how laws are formed

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

Lunch at **Longworth Cafeteria**

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

Explore the **Library of Congress** and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the **Galleries**

Dinner at DC's Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a **show at a famous theater** or an exclusive performance in the city

THURSDAY

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

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

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

> My experience on Close Up has forever changed my life. I met so many different students from across the U.S. and learned how to take action in my community.
>
> **- Treaunna, Student, Georgia**

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