

# NAIS STUDENT CIVIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NNSP, A DIVISION OF CLOSE UP FOUNDATION



The Student Civic Leadership Summit, conducted by the National Network of Schools in Partnership (NNSP), a division of Close Up Foundation, brings together high school students from across the country to build knowledge, develop strategies, and hone leadership skills to make a positive impact on our nation. Students will develop vision statements and strategies to make a difference in their own communities, and present those plans to teachers, administrators, and other participants in the NNSP Annual Conference on Civic and Community Engagement..

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Dates:** Wednesday, February 5 - Friday, February 7, 2025

*\*Optional early arrival package – Tuesday, February 4.*

**Location:** The Student Civic Leadership Summit will take place at a hotel in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

**Summit Highlights:** During this 3-day summit, students will...

- Network with a diverse group of their peers from across the country;
- Hear from topic experts and policymakers;
- Deepen their understanding of national issues;
- Deliberate about the barriers and structures that can make change difficult;
- Work in groups to create vision statements that incorporate tangible action steps; and
- Present their plans to educators and experts at the 2025 NNSP Conference.

## PRE-PROGRAM WORKSHOP

In November, we will host a program orientation via Zoom for registered students and advisors to hear more about the programming and identify what issue area they would like to focus on during the summit (climate, poverty, civic engagement, mental health).

## ELIGIBILITY

High school students with an interest in civic action and community engagement. We recommend a cohort of 6-8 students per school.

## TUITION

The all-inclusive fee is \$1,300 per student for NAIS members or \$1,450 per student for non-members. This covers all summit sessions, evening activities, meals, hotel accommodations, and daytime and night-time supervision and security.

*\*Optional early arrival package – \$275 per student.*

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

Please complete this [interest form](#) for more information and details on how to register and [check out](#) the 2024 NNSP Annual Conference for educators.

## CLOSE UP & NNSP

Longtime partners before merging in 2023, Close Up and NNSP share a steadfast commitment to civics and community engagement. Together, we have over 50 years of experience partnering with school districts nationwide to serve more than one million students and educators through experiential learning programs in our nation's capital and in local communities, professional development, and curriculum design and consulting. Our goal is to connect what students learn in class to the real world around them, help them articulate their own views and listen to those of others, and engage with people of different backgrounds with tolerance and understanding. To learn more, visit [closeup.org](https://closeup.org).



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## SAMPLE WASHINGTON, DC, SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY (2/5)

9am *Optional Early Arrival: Breakfast & National Museum of African American History and Culture Visit*  
12:00 Welcome Lunch & Orientation  
1:30 IMPACTathon  
3:30 Opening Workshop  
4:00 Youth Civic Leaders Panel  
5:15 School Advisor Check-in (optional)  
6:00 Dinner  
7:30 Night Monuments Tour  
9:30 Student Lounge  
11:00 Room Check

### THURSDAY (2/6)

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Current Issue Deliberation  
10:45 School Group Reflection  
12:00 Lunch & Neighborhood Exploration  
2:00 Community Engagement Seminar (By Issue Group)  
3:15 Break  
3:30 Community Action Deliberation  
4:45 Action Planning Session #1 (By School Group)  
5:30 School Advisor Check-in (optional)  
6:00 Dinner & Social Activity  
9:30 Student Lounge  
11:00 Room Check

### FRIDAY (2/7)

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Action Planning Session #2 & Table Talk Prep  
10:45 Closing Workshop  
11:45 Conference Table Talks  
12:30 Boxed lunches available  
1:30 Depart for home

## KEY COMPONENTS

**Homeroom Groups:** Students will take part in daily discussions, debriefs, and feedback sessions with their homeroom, a core group of students led by the same instructor each day.

**Youth Civic Leaders Panel:** Students will hear from peers and organizations across the country dedicated to the field of youth civic action and engagement.

**Current Issue Deliberation:** Students will develop a deeper understanding of their chosen issue area and discuss different policies and solutions that have been proposed to address it.

**Action Planning:** By school group, students will develop a shared vision and strategies to take action back in their local communities.

**Planning for Community Engagement and Leadership by School:** Students will build on their experiences in the Summit to develop vision statements and strategies to make a difference in their own communities. These plans of action are distinct from calls to action; instead of saying "you should," students pledge "WE will."

## FAQS

**Do I need to arrange hotel rooms for my students?** NO. Hotel rooms are included in the cost of the program and students will be grouped with other students from their school.

**Do I need to provide meals for my students?** NO. All meals are included in the price of the program. We will be sure to be aware of any food allergies and make all the necessary accommodations.

**Do I have to check my students in at night and monitor them overnight?** NO. There will be night monitors on each hall who will check the students into their rooms each night and are available should they need anything overnight.

**Can I check in on my students during the program?** YES. You can observe the students in action at any point and everyone will be able to hear their presentations at the end of the Summit when they present to the NNSP Annual Conference.

**What will the students do at night?** Close Up will provide excursions for the students to keep them entertained. We will be sure to have them see a bit of DC but also allow them time to socialize and have some fun.