

# CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS



## SUNDAY

**Arrive in Washington**  
Meet your Close Up concierge and **explore the city** with your school

**Welcome Dinner**

**Program Orientation & Community Building**  
Meet Close Up staff and **review your purpose and goals** for the week

**Opening Workshop\***  
What are the **biggest issues we face** in our democracy today?

**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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**CLOSE UP**  
WASHINGTON DC



## MONDAY

**Federal Government Structure Workshop**  
Gain an understanding of the **foundations of U.S. government**

**Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials**  
Learn about the people behind the **Declaration of Independence** and the **Bill of Rights**

**National Museum of Natural History and Lunch**  
Discover **hands-on exhibits** that capture the **beauty and diversity** of the natural world

**National Archives Study Visit\*\***  
Explore **American history** through our nation's most significant documents:

**Declaration of Independence**

**Constitution**

**Bill of Rights**

**Citizen Action Workshop**  
What **citizen actions** are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

**National Portrait Gallery**  
Learn about **people who have shaped our society**, from government to sports, art, and culture

**Dinner & Social Activity**



## TUESDAY

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

**Immigration Policy Seminar**  
Go **behind the scenes** with a **policy expert** to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**

**Lunch in L'Enfant Plaza**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial**  
How did MLK influence the **value of justice** during the Civil Rights Movement?

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial**  
Should **government take an active role** in providing for people's basic needs?

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life representation **honoring brave servicemen**

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

**Dinner in Pentagon City**

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



## WEDNESDAY

**Capitol Hill Day**  
Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

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

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

Explore the **Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**

**Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria**, a hot spot for Washington insiders

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

View the symbolic art and architecture at the **Library of Congress**, the largest library in the world

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

**White House Study Visit and Photo Op**

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Election Workshop**  
Discuss the role of the **executive branch** and elect a president for your program



## THURSDAY

**Community Action Workshop**  
What actions can citizens take to **make change**?

**Election Reflection Activity**  
Discuss the results of the mock election and **reflect on the motivations of real-world voters**

**College Admission Session**  
Get answers to your questions about the **opportunities of higher education**

**Lunch at National Museum of American History**

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

**Lincoln Memorial**  
How does **imagery of this memorial** portray Lincoln's legacy?

**Banquet and Dance**  
Have a **memorable, fun-filled evening** with your new friends before returning home



## FRIDAY

**Sightsee in Washington**  
Prior to your departure, **spend some more time in the city** with your school

**Depart for Home**

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Close Up gave me the opportunity to visit famous historical sites and I was able to discuss major political and social issues with my workshop and learn from different perspectives. I am very grateful for this opportunity!  
- Lesley, Student, Arizona

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