



CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON DC

**CLOSE UP WASHINGTON, DC
CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Budget

- Title III Recent Immigrant Funds

Close Up Foundation

Who They Are

- The nation's premier non-profit civic education organization
- Our mission is to inspire, engage, & empower students to become active citizens
- Endorsed by:
 - National Association of Secondary School Principals
 - National Middle School Association
 - Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools
 - National Council for the Social Studies



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Guiding Principles

Curriculum: Their instructors turn DC into a living classroom where the sites are used as a platform to understand the democratic process. The program is designed to align with each state Social Studies, history, & civics standards

Diversity: They are committed to serving all students regardless of academic performance, geography, ethnicity, and financial need.

Nonpartisan: A major goal of the program is not to tell students what to think, rather give them the skills needed to analyze policy issues for themselves.

Ongoing learning: They also provide ideas on activities that students can do for pre-program preparation and post-program reflection.



What will our students learn?



- Communication, collaboration and leadership skills.
- The ability to explain diverse viewpoints concerning current domestic and international policy questions facing Congress, the executive branch, and/or the courts.
- A greater understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a participatory democracy and the skills necessary to take on those responsibilities.
- The importance of the founding documents of the American government, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and The Bill of Rights and how these documents affect life in the United States today.
- How the three branches of government function, how a bill becomes a law and how a president is elected.
- Immigration and other current issues facing the country and their community.

How will our students learn?

Our students will benefit from Close Up curriculum and methodology which includes:

An intense program – students will experience jam-packed days that will provide them with bountiful learning opportunities.

Diversity of participants – students will benefit greatly from meeting and learning from students from around the country and the world.

Active learning – students will be challenged to participate and engage in the learning process at all times.

Onsite study and primary sources – by visiting the sites up close and seeing government in action, your students will come away with a deeper understanding of government and how they can be involved.



Other Student Benefits:

- Become actively engaged, as members of their communities.
- Discuss and vote on policy issues with Washington insiders and peers from across the country.



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Group Structure and Logistics:

- School groups are divided into smaller groups of 4 and assigned to a workshop group of about 18-20 students
- Workshop groups stay together all week
- Students room 4 to a room
- Average of about 100-150 students on program weekly
- Each group has their own instructor (same all week)
- Students may still meet up with their school group during “down time” and at meals
- Students are coming from all over the United States, and they bring a variety of opinions and lifestyles; this too is a fantastic learning experience!

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Program Information

CLOSE UP WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS

SUNDAY



Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Hotel check-in



Welcome dinner

Meet peers from schools nationwide

Welcome workshop & orientation

Meet & greet social activity



MONDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Group Activity: Founding documents

National Archives study visit



Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Lunch at D.C.'s historic Union Station

Memorials: Thomas Jefferson & George Mason



National Politics Seminar: Get an insider's view

Neighborhood Study Visit: Adams Morgan

Dinner and social activity at Dave & Buster's

TUESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Mock Congress workshop



Capitol Hill Walking Workshop: Our inside look at how things work in Congress

Walk the National Mall
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum: Study visit & lunch

Immigration Policy Seminar

Memorials Study Visit: Korean, Vietnam & Lincoln



Pizza Dinner

Current issues in-depth seminar

Social activity

WEDNESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Capitol Hill Day: Meet with your members of Congress or their staffs

Attend and observe key testimony in Congressional Committee Hearings

Explore the U.S. Capitol Hill Visitor Center & Museum

Lunch at the House Cafeteria

Visit the Supreme Court & Library of Congress



Take your seat in the Galleries to see the U.S. Senate & House of Representatives in action

Lafayette Park & Executive Branch study visit

Dinner at hotel

Mock Presidential Election
Social activity

THURSDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Group Activity: Learn how to create a Community Action Plan

World War II Memorial

Lunch: National Place

Community Onsite: Latin American Youth Center

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial



Washington Exploration: Albert Einstein Memorial

Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo

Theatre: *An American Musical Landscape*

Social activity

FRIDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Spend the day with your school



Popular sites include:

Arlington National Cemetery: Section 60, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK & Challenger Memorial

Lunch at Smithsonian: Nine city blocks of museums

Return to program

Student Photojournalism Exhibit: Show what you learned

Final Reflection workshop

Banquet & dance

SATURDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Depart for home



Study visits led by our highly-trained instructors give students unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

Workshops and seminars reinforce this learning and help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

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Sample schedule

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Close Up Teacher Program

- Teacher Program runs parallel to our flagship student programs so that teachers and their students can participate simultaneously.
- Goals: To provide educators with opportunities for academic and professional development and to encourage a continued interest in citizenship education and the democratic process.
- During the program, teachers can choose from one of three tracks each day led by our Teacher Program Specialists



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Other Comforting Details

- 24 Hour Supervision
- Night Security Guards in Hotels
- All Staff First-Aid/CPR Certified
- Partnership with Georgetown University Medical Center
- Experienced Program Instructors (MS Trained)
- Well-Equipped Hotels in Great Locations
- Bus Transportation
- All-Inclusive Pricing

