

## **Close Up Program – Washington DC**

As part of the district's Shared Service Agreement (SSA) with Region 20, eligible Emergent Bilingual students at the high school level will have the opportunity to participate in the Close Up High School Program in Washington, D.C. during the summer. This nationally recognized program provides students with an immersive learning experience focused on government, civic engagement, and the democratic process.

During the program, students will participate in structured educational sessions and explore key governmental institutions and historic landmarks throughout Washington, D.C. The primary goal of the Close Up program is to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become informed, active, and engaged citizens.

Through the Close Up experience, participating students will have the opportunity to:

1. Engage in discussions about current events with experts, policymakers, and members of Congress or their staff.
2. Explore Capitol Hill and observe a live congressional committee hearing to gain firsthand insight into the legislative process.
3. Participate in a Mock Congress, debating current national issues alongside peers from across the United States.
4. Visit significant monuments, memorials, museums, and landmarks, including the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world.

The program is fully funded with Title III funds and the Shared Service Agreement. There are no travel costs for the qualified students and the approved chaperone. Participation in this program is limited to students who are currently identified as Emergent Bilingual or Migrant.

Additional details regarding travel dates, trip duration, and program logistics have not yet been provided. This information is for Board review and discussion since this is an out of the state trip that will take place this upcoming summer. The attached sample schedule will provide further details about this trip.