

ABOUT CLOSE UP

Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that educates and inspires young people to become informed and engaged citizens.

For more than 45 years, Close Up has partnered with schools across the country to design challenging and hands-on civic, history, and government based educational programs. Close Up programs complement classroom learning, develop critical thinking skills, and provide students with practical opportunities to connect their classroom studies to present-day events.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- All program logistics and planning;
- Top notch instruction from trained educators;
- Custom designed curriculum and program schedule;
- Light breakfast;
- Lunch; and
- Liability insurance.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: At the Broward Parents in Action Summit the Close Up Foundation and Broward County Public Schools will work with parents to present what their children have accomplished and how they can continue to help their children to stay involved. Parents will also hear from the district and outside organizations about how they can help their children on the path to college.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast
9:00-10:00 AM	Close Up Facilitated Session Students will share their collective Close Up experience and Close Up will provide information on how parents and family members can support students' future civic engagement.
10:00-10:10 AM	Break
10:10 AM-12:10 PM	Road to College Sessions Broward County Bilingual/ESOL Department will lead sessions on preparing families for college in Spanish, English, and Creole.
12:15-12:45 PM	Partner Presentation and Lunch Hear from local partners that will offer continued opportunities for community engagement and college readiness.
12:45-1:00 PM	Student Gallery Explore student proposals from Rally to the Tally and engage in discussions about ideas to better the community.





OUR PROGRAM & MISSION

Close Up is a nonprofit that educates and inspires young people to become informed and engaged citizens. For more than 45 years, Close Up has pursued its mission by providing challenging, hands-on civic, history, and government based education programs for students and teachers in Washington, DC and on local programs. Using the nation's capital as a living classroom, participants get a "close up" view of government and democracy in action.

Since 1971, over 850,000 students and teachers have participated in our programs. Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and Puerto Rico, as well as a growing number of countries around the world. Over 20,000 students and teachers have participated in our programs from the state of Florida. Our curriculum and instructional methods are designed to ensure full inclusion, engagement, and achievement among a broadly diverse population of student participants. Moreover, we craft a variety of civic education programs to serve the interests of schools, constituencies, and organizations seeking specifically focused curriculum or content themes.

In designing our programs and building a network of support for their success, we work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and students nationwide, as well as with longstanding partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, and C-SPAN. Our programs are approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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"Thank you for the opportunity for my daughter to learn, share and grow."

– Milagros Ramirez, Cypress Bay High School, Parent

"I left on May 26th as a normal student from Piper High School and I returned on May 29th as a future leader."

– Camila Jesus, Piper High School, Student

"The planning and execution on the part of the CLOSE UP organization was highly commendable. In addition to all of the educational attributes (reading, writing, listening, speaking, analytical thinking, problem solving, etc.), Broward County's character traits were exercised by students and adults throughout the week. As well, the students built their self-confidence and self-esteem; I have no doubt that they can now withstand challenges and adversity even better. This trip will also make me a better teacher/mentor/chaperone in many ways. Thank you for a wonderful experience. I hope this program thrives and continues to expand; it is well worth the investment."

– Liz Brady, Coral Springs High School, Teacher