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In conclusion, students who reside in NYS and are between the ages of 5 and 21 have the right to receive a free public high school education in their school district of residence. School districts may not force or steer individuals over compulsory school age to forego pursuing a high school diploma to attend a high school equivalency preparation program, regardless of the number of high school credits they have accrued and whether they are “on track” to graduate with a high school diploma.

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