

## Jasmine Kim

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**From:** Leslie Templeman <Leslie.Templeman@nysed.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:12 PM  
**To:** Jasmine Kim  
**Subject:** RE: Virtual & Distance Education Diploma

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Dear Ms. Kim: High school completion is under the jurisdiction of the state in which the student was a resident. NYS does not recognize on-line or correspondence study as the equivalent to a high school diploma for New York State residents. That doesn't mean that a NYS College can't admit that student – it means that the student would have to earn a high school equivalency diploma before they can graduate from the college. Also, in order to be eligible for TAP, the NYS resident student would have to have a high school equivalency diploma or pass an ability to benefit test. If a student was a resident of a state that does recognize online or correspondence study as equivalent to a high school diploma that student would not be required to earn a NYS high school equivalency diploma in order to graduate from a NYS college.

I hope this is responsive.

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Hello,

Does NYS recognize a high school diploma earned from a virtual or distance education schools? Could you please refer me to the NYS policy/law that states this?

Sincerely,

Jasmine Kim  
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University Application Processing Center

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