

## ***Before You Watch*** **Discussion Questions**

1. How many people here have children in high school? Who knows anyone with children in high school? Did anyone here go to high school in New York?
2. What can you tell us about high school in New York?
3. What do you think is difficult for immigrant students in high school in New York?
4. What can a student do to succeed in school?
5. What can parents and family members do to help?
6. What can teachers and guidance counselors do to help?
7. What questions do you have about high school in New York City?  
With the person next to you, say or write 1 or 2 questions.

**Let's watch *Stay in School* and see  
what we learn about "staying in school."**

# After You Watch

## Discussion Questions

### Talking and Listening

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When Uncle Juan finds out that his nephew Diego is not going to school, he is very upset. Aunt Carmen tells him that when Diego comes home, they will talk with him and listen to him. Talking with and listening to Diego was the first step in helping him.

- Do you think most parents know what is going on in their children's lives at school? Why is good communication important? What are the obstacles to good communication? How can parents and children overcome these obstacles?

### Helping Someone to Graduate

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After talking and listening to Diego, he decides that he wants to stay in school. Uncle Juan and Aunt Carmen work with him to find out how he can get the help he needs.

- What specific actions do they take? What are the challenges in taking these actions? What programs do you know that could help someone like Diego? How can you find out about other programs?

### Peer Groups

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Diego learns that there are free after-school classes for students who need help. He also joins a peer group—a group of students who have similar situations.

- What do think are the benefits of a peer group? What kinds of peer groups have you heard of? Have you ever been part of a peer group? What was the experience like?

### Your Immigrant Story

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In Diego's peer group, he talks about arriving in New York. It was not what he expected and it wasn't easy for him.

- What was your experience when you first arrived? How has your life changed here over time? What obstacles did you face and how did you overcome them? What challenges are you facing now? What actions can you take to overcome these challenges?