**Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria**

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**Article 53.** (1) Everyone shall have the right to education.

(2) Schooling up to the age of 16 years shall be compulsory.

(3) Tuition at state-owned and municipal primary and schools shall be free of charge. Under terms established by the law, tuition at public higher schools shall be free of charge.

(4) Higher schools shall enjoy academic autonomy.

(5) Citizens and organizations may establish schools under terms and according to a procedure established by the law. Instruction delivered at such schools must conform to the state standard requirements.

(6) The State shall promote education by establishing and financing schools, by assisting gifted pupils and students, and by creating conditions for vocational training and retraining. The State shall exercise control over schools of all types and levels.