

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. New Fairfield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary H.B. Gelfman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the work-study program incorporated in the 2002-2003 Individualized Education Program (IEP) appropriate to Student's special education needs?
2. If not, what should an appropriate work-study program include for Student?
3. Has the Board provided appropriate transition services for Student?
4. Is the Board's projected graduation date of June, 2003, appropriate for Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested by the Parents on March 4, 2003, and the Hearing Officer was appointed on March 4, 2003. A pre-hearing conference was held by conference telephone call on March 11, 2003. The parties were granted a thirty-day extension of the mailing date for the final decision and order to accommodate mediation, as requested. Therefore, the mailing date for the final decision is extended from April 18 to May 18, 2003, pursuant to Section 10-76h(c) and (a), Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The hearing convened on April 24, 2003, and the parties informed the Hearing Officer

that an agreement in principal had been reached. Another hearing date, May 28, 2003, was scheduled: if the settlement was completed, the request for hearing would be withdrawn and this date would be cancelled. The Hearing Officer again extended the mailing date for the final decision and order, from May 18 to June 17, 2003.

By facsimile dated May 25, 2003, the Hearing Officer inquired as to the status of the case. A response dated May 26, 2003, from the Parents' attorney reported that the agreement had been completed, that written confirmation and a withdrawal would be sent the next day, and that there was no need to convene the hearing. In reliance upon this communication, the Hearing Officer cancelled the hearing scheduled for May 28, 2003. No further communication was received on May 27, 2003.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

Since the Parents' attorney reports that the matter has been settled, this case is DISMISSED.