

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Canton Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Ms. Mary Marie Dorpalen  
Director of Pupil Personnel  
Canton Public Schools  
76 Symonds Avenue  
Canton, CT 06019

Appearing before: Attorney Deborah R. Kearns  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE**

Whether the child required an out of district placement to meet the requirements of a free and appropriate public education based on the child's individual needs.

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The parent requested a Due Process hearing on March 31, 2004. At a prehearing conference on April 2, 2004 the parties agreed to a hearing date of May 5, 2004. At a hearing on May 5, 2004 the parent was unable to attend the hearing and requested an additional hearing date be scheduled for May 17, 2004 if they were unable to reach an agreement before that date. Neither party communicated the need for further hearing dates, the record closed on May 17, 2004.

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The case is dismissed with prejudice.