

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional School District No. 14

Appearing on Behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board: Attorney Susan L. Gundersen
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Appearing before: Attorney Gail K. Mangs, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the school district provide FAPE during the 2003-2004 school year?
2. Has an appropriate program been offered for the 2004-2005 school year?
3. Has the school district complied with the procedural requirements of the IDEA?

FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

This hearing was requested on May 7, 2004. The prehearing conference was convened on May 17, 2004, at which time the hearing was scheduled, with the Parent's agreement, for June 14, 15 and 17, 2004. On June 14, 2004, the Parent did not appear for the hearing. The hearing officer telephoned the Parent's home and left a message on the answering machine stating that the hearing would be postponed until June 17, 2004 at which time the Parent would be expected to go forward or the hearing would be dismissed. A registered letter containing the same information was also sent by the hearing officer to the Parent on June 14, 2004. At the hearing convened on June 17, 2004, the Parent again did not appear. The hearing officer telephoned the Parent's home but reached a fax signal. As the Parent has been given a reasonable opportunity to go forward with the hearing but has failed to do so, the hearing will be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

This hearing is dismissed.