

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Whether the transportation provided to the Student as a related service of her special education program must be less than one hour each way.
2. Whether the Board failed to convene a PPT meeting regarding this transportation issue.

SUMMARY:

This matter was assigned on September 28, 2004. A prehearing conference was held on October 6.

The Parents' attorney submitted a Motion for Stay Put, and briefs were submitted by both parties. The stay put provision of the IDEA states that "[t]he child shall remain in the then-current educational placement of such child" during the pendency of any proceedings conducted in accordance with the IDEA, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1415(i)(2)(B)(i). The change in transportation schedule was found to not result in a change in educational placement for the purposes of stay put. Therefore, the Parents' Motion for Stay Put was denied.

On the first day of hearing on November 16, the parties reported that the case was settled.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.