

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the program offered by the Board for the 2005-2006 school year appropriate as defined in The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a?
2. Is the program offered by the Board for the 2006-2007 school year appropriate as defined in The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a?
3. Does the student require highly structured therapeutic educational setting in order to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE")?
4. Is the student entitled to compensatory education for the 2005-2006 school year?

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The student is a 16 year old young man who has been identified as emotionally disturbed and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) as defined in IDEA 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. The Parent objected to the student's 2006-2007 IEP and requested a highly structured therapeutic educational setting. The Board refused the Parent's request and on May 2, 2007 the Parent requested a Due Process Hearing. Notice was given to the Board of the request for due process on or about May 4, 2007.

On May 8, 2007, a Hearing Officer was appointed. A pre-hearing conference was held on May 14, 2007 and agreed upon hearing date of June 20, 2007 was scheduled.

The parties convened a resolution conference. On or about June 18, 2007 the parties advised the Hearing Officer that they had come to an agreement on principles and requested the cancellation of the June 20, 2007 hearing date. The parties required additional time in order to draw up the agreement. On or about July 25, 2007, the Parent's attorney sent notice to the Hearing Officer requesting a withdrawal of the matter. The date for the Final Decision and Order was extended to August 25, 2007, in order for the parties to finalize their agreement.

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THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.