

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stafford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Was the Program offered by the Board for the 2007-2008 school year, appropriate and provide the Student with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) according to 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401 et seq?
2. Should the Board pay for an Independent Educational Evaluation of the Student with Dr. D. Katz?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a 17 years old young man who has been identified as Other Health Impaired ADD/ADHD and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At the May 11, 2007 PPT meeting, the Parent rejected the program offered by the Board for the 2007-2008 school year.

On or about May 15, 2007, the Board received notice of the Parent’s request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on May 17, 2007 and a pre-hearing conference was held on May 23, 2007. Hearing dates of July 11 and 18, 2007 were chosen by the parties.

In a letter dated June 8, 2007, the Parent requested that the hearing be withdrawn without prejudice in order to allow the Parent and the district resolve the matter. This request was granted.

The date for the Final Decision and Order is July 30, 2007.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

