

**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 2005-2006 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 provide the Student with Compensatory Education for the 2005-2006 in the form of Counseling, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language instructions?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a 12 years old young man who has been identified as Autistic 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 September 22, 2006 PPT meeting, the Parents requested compensatory education for the 2005-2006 school year. The Board refused the Parents’ request.

On or about July 13, 2007, the Board received notice of the Parents’ request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on July 12, 2007 and a pre-hearing conference was held on July 31, 2007. Hearing date of August 28, 2007 was chosen by the parties. On or about July 27, 2007, a Resolution Meeting was held by the parties. As a result of the resolution meeting, on or about August 1, 2007, the Parents sent a letter stating that the matter had been settled.

The date for the Final Decision and Order is September 28, 2007.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.