

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford 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 did it provide the Student with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) according to 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401 et seq?
2. Was the Program offered by the Board for the 2006-2007 school year, appropriate and provide the Student with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) according to 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401 et seq?
3. Should the Board provide the Student with Compensatory Education for the 2005-2006 school year?
4. Should the Board provide the Student with Compensatory Education for the 2006-2007 school year?
5. Should the Board have graduated the Student?
6. Should the Student be placed at Wright Vocational Technical School for the 2007-2008 school year?

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

This matter was presented as a contested matter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §10-76h and related regulations, 20 United States Code §1415(f) and related regulations, and in accordance with the Uniform Administration Procedures Act, CGS §§4-176e to 4-178, inclusive, and 4-181a and 4-186,

The Student is a 19 years and 8 months young man who has been identified as Specific Learning Disabled and 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 June 6, 2007 PPT meeting, the Board decided to graduate the Student. The Student rejected the PPT's graduation findings and requested that he remain as a student and attend a vocational program at Wright Vocational Technical School. The Board refused the Student's request and the Student requested due process.

On or about August 30, 2007, the Board received notice of the Student's request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on August 30, 2007 and a pre-hearing conference was held on September 5, 2007. Hearing date of October 25, 2007 was chosen by the parties. The parties waived a resolution meeting.

On or about October 5, 2007, the Student's attorney requested that the October 25, 2007 hearing date be cancelled in order for the parties to continue working in resolving the matter. On or about November 9, 2007 the Student's attorney informed the hearing officer that negotiations were on going and the parties agreed and requested that the matter be withdrawn without prejudice.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was extended to December 15, 2007 by agreement of the parties in order to give the parties time to resolve the matter.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.**