

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Mansfield Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the program and related services offered by the Board for the 2007-2008 appropriate and provide the Student with FAPE according to 20 USC 1401 et seq?
2. Should the Board provide an independent assistive technology evaluation at the Board's expense?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a young man who has been identified as a student 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.

The Parents rejected the program offered to the Student for the 2007-2008 school year. The Parents requested a program that contained specific recommendations contained in an independent evaluation conducted by Dr. Tolis. The Board rejected the Parents' request.

On November 1, 2007, a Hearing Officer was appointed. A pre-hearing conference was conducted on or about November 6, 2007. The parties requested time to conduct a PPT in order to attempt to resolve the matter.

On or about November 15, 2007, the Parents' attorney informed the Hearing Officer that the hearing was being withdrawn without prejudice. The request for withdrawal without prejudice was granted.

The date for the filing of the Final Decision and Order is January 15, 2008.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.