

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board: Marsha B. Moses, Esq.
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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 did it provide the Student with FAPE according to 20 USC 1401 et seq?
2. Should the Board provide the Parent with an independent reading and speech and language evaluation at the Board's expense?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is a 15 years and 6 month old young woman who has been identified as Specific Learning Disabled 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 a February 2, 2008 PPT, the Parent requested a reading and speech and language evaluation of the Student. The Board denied the Parent's request and the Parent filed for a due process hearing.

On February 25, 2008 a Hearing Officer was appointed. A pre-hearing conference was held on March 19, 2008. The Board received notice of the request for hearing on or about February 25, 2008. On or about March 13, 2008 the parties attended a resolution session. In a letter, the Parent informed the Hearing Officer that the matter had been settled. The date for the mailing of the final order and decision is May 10, 2008.

FINAL DECISION AND DECISION:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.