

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional School District No. 1

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado  
Hearing Officer

**ISSUES:**

1. Was the Program offered the Student by the Board for the 2005-2006 school year appropriate?
2. Was the Program offered the Student by the Board for the 2006-2007 school year appropriate?
3. Was the unilateral placement of the Student at the Forman School in Litchfield, CT from 1/07 to 6/07 appropriate and in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?
4. Is the Program offered by the Board for the 2007-2008 school year appropriate? If not;
5. Is the Student's program at the Forman School in Litchfield, CT for the 2007-2008 school year appropriate and in the LRE?
6. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the 2005-2006 school year?
7. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the 2006-2007 school year?
8. Should the Board reimburse the Parents for the unilateral placement of the Student at the Forman School in Litchfield, CT from 1/07 to 6/07?
9. Should the Board reimburse the Parents for the unilateral placement of the Student at the Forman School in Litchfield, CT for the 2007-2008 school year?
10. Was the Program offered the Student by the Board for the 2008-2009 school year appropriate?

**SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student is an seventeen year old young woman diagnosed with specific learning disability and was deemed eligible 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 requested placement of the Student at the Forman School in Litchfield, CT. The Board refused the Parents’ request.

The Board received notice of the Parents’ request for due process on March 3, 2008. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 4, 2008. A pre-hearing conference was held on March 12, 2008 and a May 8, 2008 hearing date was chosen by the parties. The parties attended a mediation session on or about April 29, 2008. The parties were not able to reach an agreement. The parties requested cancellation on the hearing date in order that they may continue mediating. A July 8, 2008 hearing date was chosen by the parties. On or about July 7, 2008 the Parents’ attorney informed the Hearing Officer that the matter was settled and requested a withdrawal with prejudice.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is August 8, 2008.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**