

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Shall the Board of Education provide the following independent evaluations requested by Parents:
  - Assistive technology.
  - Reading to determine “exact nature of disability”.
  - Speech/Language.
2. Is standardized testing of Student appropriate four times a year?
3. Does Student need individual writing support?
4. Does Student need five hours [per week?] of one-to-one tutoring in reading?
5. Shall the Board of Education provide consultation concerning Student with a specialist at the University of Connecticut in “gifted/learning disabled” students?
6. Does Student need 2½ hours [per week?] of one-to-one Speech/Language therapy?
7. Does Student require extended school year instruction in reading, writing and spelling in 2008, in order to benefit from special education?
8. Does Student need a Lindamood-Bell program for reading?

9. Shall the Board of Education be required to reimburse Parents for \$1,960 for tutoring?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

This hearing was requested on June 4, 2008. This Hearing Officer was appointed on June 10. A pre-hearing conference was held on June 23 and the hearing was scheduled for July 29 and August 6. The parties requested that the decision date of August 18 be extended to accommodate the hearing dates, and the Hearing Officer extended the decision date to September 17. On July 8, the attorneys reported that they would like to try mediation, and the Hearing Officer postponed the hearing from July 29 and August 6 to September 8 and extended the decision date to October 17, 2008. Mediation was held on July 29, 2008, and the matter was resolved at that time.

In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 99, the following decision uses “Student”, “School”, “Parent”. And titles of school staff members and other witnesses in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Section 10-76h, Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), and related regulations at Section 10-76h, Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, authorize an impartial hearing officer to conduct a special education hearing and to render a final decision in accordance with Sections 4-176e through 4-180a, inclusive, and Sections 4-181a of the C.G.S. Section 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f) and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 300.511 through § 300.520 also authorize special education hearings.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

There being no issues in dispute between the parties and the request for hearing having been withdrawn, this case is DISMISSED without prejudice.