

**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. Are the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and placement proposed by the Board appropriate to the Student's special education needs in the least restrictive environment?
2. If not, what are an appropriate IEP and placement for the Student?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

Parent requested this hearing by letter dated June 19, 2008, from her attorney. The hearing officer was appointed on June 25, 2008. On July 1, 2008, Parent's Attorney notified the hearing officer that settlement negotiations had been initiated at the resolution meeting and that both parties were exploring several options. Because of these activities and also because of summer vacations, Parents have requested that the matter be dismissed without prejudice.

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 are used in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

1. 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:**

This matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.