

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Is the Student entitled to an Extended School Year (ESY) in mathematics and reading in order to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as required by 20 U.S. C. §1401 et seq?
2. Is the Student required to be provided with a mentor in mathematics and reading in order to receive FAPE as required by 20 U.S. C. §1401 et seq?
3. Is the Student entitled to 720 hours of compensatory education due to a denial of FAPE for the 2008-2009 school?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The student is a 16 year old student who has been identified with Emotional Disturbance and is entitled to receive a FAPE as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At the September 9, 2008 PPT meeting, the parents rejected the program offered by the Board for the 2008-2009 school year. The parents requested 720 hours of compensatory education. The Board refused the parents' request.

On or about October 28, 2009, the Board received notice of the parents' request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on October 29, 2009 and a pre-hearing conference was held on November 6, 2009. Hearing dates of January 13, 14 & 15, 2010 were chosen by the parties. A resolution meeting was held on November 10, 2009. In a letter dated January 7, 2010, the parents' attorney requested that the hearing dates be cancelled as the parties had reached an agreement. At a later date, the parties informed the hearing officer that the matter was ratified and the hearing was withdrawn with prejudice.

At the request of the parties, in order to accommodate the filing of a final decision and order after the hearing dates, the date for the filing of the Final Decision and Order was extended. The date for the Final Decision and Order is February 18, 2010.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.