

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Wilton Board of Education

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Was the program provided by the District from May 18, 2015 to the end of the 2014-2015 school year including extended school year services (ESY) appropriate and did it provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If so;
2. Was the program offered by the District for the 2015-2016 school year including ESY appropriate and does it provide the Student with FAPE in the LRE? If so;
3. Did the unilateral placement of the Student at the Prospect program of Wooster School provide a meaningful education?
4. Is the program offered by the District for the 2016-2017 school year including ESY appropriate and does it provide the Student with FAPE in the LRE? If so
5. Did the unilateral placement of the Student at the Wooster School for the 2016-2017 school provide a meaningful education?
6. Should the District be responsible for the cost of the unilateral placement of the Student for the 2015-2016 school year?
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8. Should the District reimburse the Parents for the cost of the speech and language services?
9. Should the District be responsible for the cost of the reading evaluation?
10. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of FAPE?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Specific Learning Disorder and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At the planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents rejected the program offered by the Board for the 2016-2017 school year. The Parents

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requested reimbursement for their unilateral placements of the Student. The Board refused the Parents' request.

On May 18, 2017, the Board received notice of the Parents' request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on May 19, 2017 and a pre-hearing conference was held on June 1, 2017. A hearing date of June 28, 2017 was chosen by the parties. The parties agreed to a resolution meeting. The resolution meeting date was June 9, 2017. At the June 28, 2017 hearing date, the Parents withdrew the matter with prejudice. The Board agreed with the withdrawal.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.