

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Newtown Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the district fail to fulfill its Child Find obligations during the period between August 24, 2014 and March 24, 2016?
2. Did the district deny the student FAPE for the 2015-16 school year?
3. Did the district deny the student FAPE for the 2016-17 school year?
4. Did the district deny the student FAPE for the 2017-18 school year?
5. If there was a denial of FAPE, was the Speech Academy an appropriate placement for the student?
6. Should the parents be reimbursed for the costs of enrolling the student at the Speech Academy?
7. Should the student be provided with compensatory education?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

Case 18-0023 was commenced by the parents by request received by the Board on July 14, 2017. A prehearing conference was held on July 28, 2017. At the prehearing conference, a hearing date was set for September 19, 2017 and the decision date was determined to be September 27, 2017.

On September 15, 2017, the undersigned hearing officer was advised by the attorney for the parents that the parties had finalized a settlement in the case and the matter should therefore be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is dismissed with prejudice.