

October 13, 2017

Final Decision and Order 18-0056

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Bloomfield Board of Ed

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for 2015-2016 school year either substantively and/or procedurally?
2. Did the Board provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for 2016-2017, effective 4/17/2017, school year either substantively and/or procedurally?
3. Did the Board offer the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for 2017-2018 school year either substantively and/or procedurally?
4. If the Board did not provide the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for the 2016-2017 school year, is the Speech Academy appropriate?
5. If the Board did not offer the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for 2017-2018 school year, is the Speech Academy appropriate?
6. If the Board did not provide and/or offer the Student a free and appropriate public education (“FAPE”) for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and/or the 2017-2018 school year, should the Student be reimbursed for the tuition and education related expense of the Speech Academy?
7. Is compensatory education an appropriate remedy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The student is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (“IDEA”) §20 U. S. C. 1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76a et seq.

The parents filed the Due Process Hearing Complaint on July 31, 2017. The Hearing Officer was appointed on August 1, 2017. A prehearing conference was held on August 10, 2017. Hearing dates of October 5, 2017 and October 11, 2017 were scheduled. The parents withdrew their complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is DISMISSED with prejudice.