

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Darien Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Student require special education and related services as defined in the Individual with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA) to receive a free and appropriate special education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?
2. Is the Student entitled to an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) at public expense?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Specific Learning Disabilities and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq.

At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents did not agree with the District's determination that the Student was no longer eligible for special education and related services as defined in IDEA. The Parents requested that the Student remain eligible. The Board refused the Parents' request. The Parents filed for due process.

On February 8, 2018, the Board received notice of the Parents request for due process. The parties agreed to a resolution meeting and mediation. The resolution and mediation date were pending,

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An impartial hearing officer was appointed on February 20, 2018 and a pre-hearing conference was held on February 23, 2018.

The parties resolve the matter and requested additional time to memorialize the agreement.

In an electronic transmission, the Parents informed the hearing officer that the agreement had been signed by all parties and withdrew the matter with prejudice.

The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was extended to accommodate the mediation and ratifying the agreement. The date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is June 1, 2018.

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THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.